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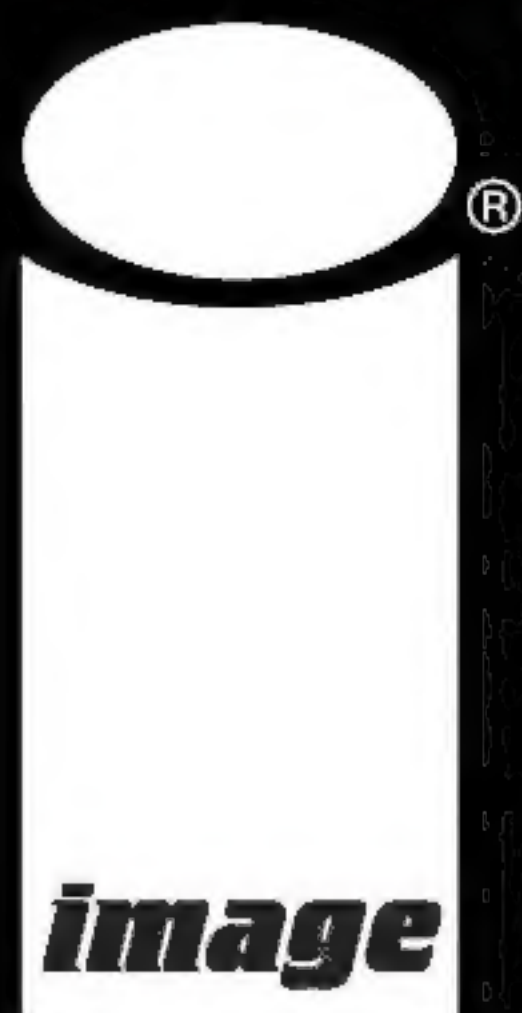
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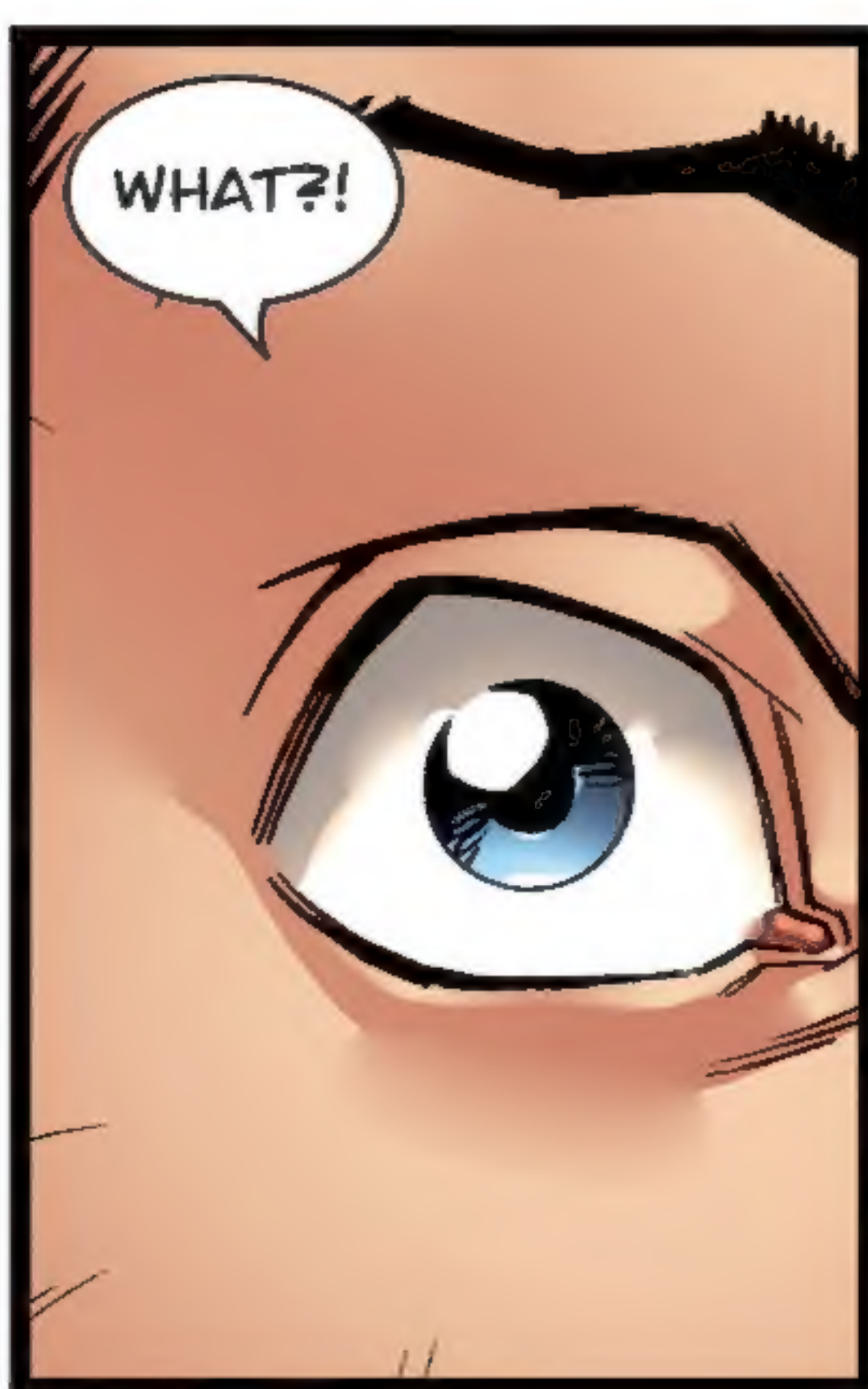
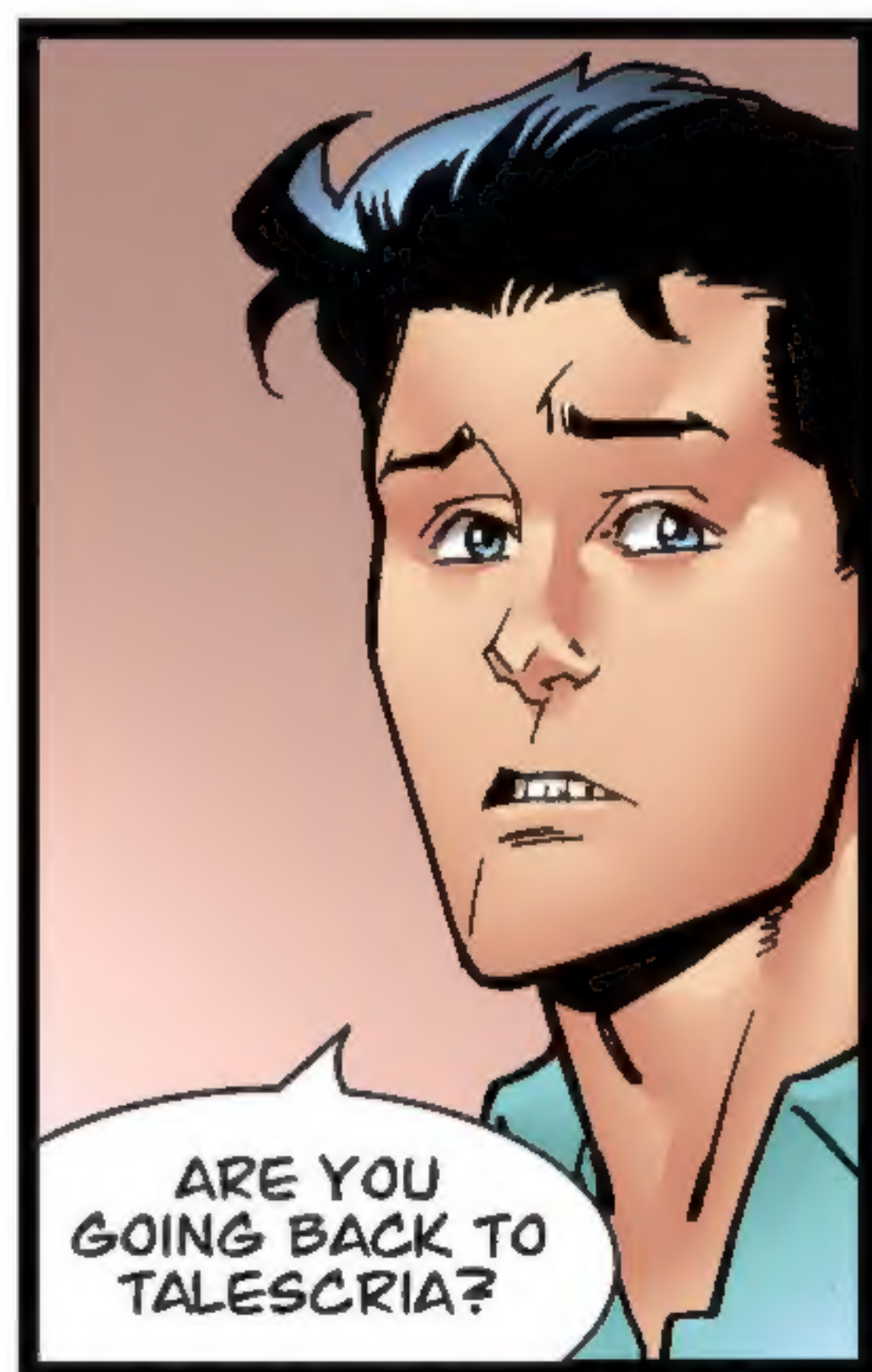
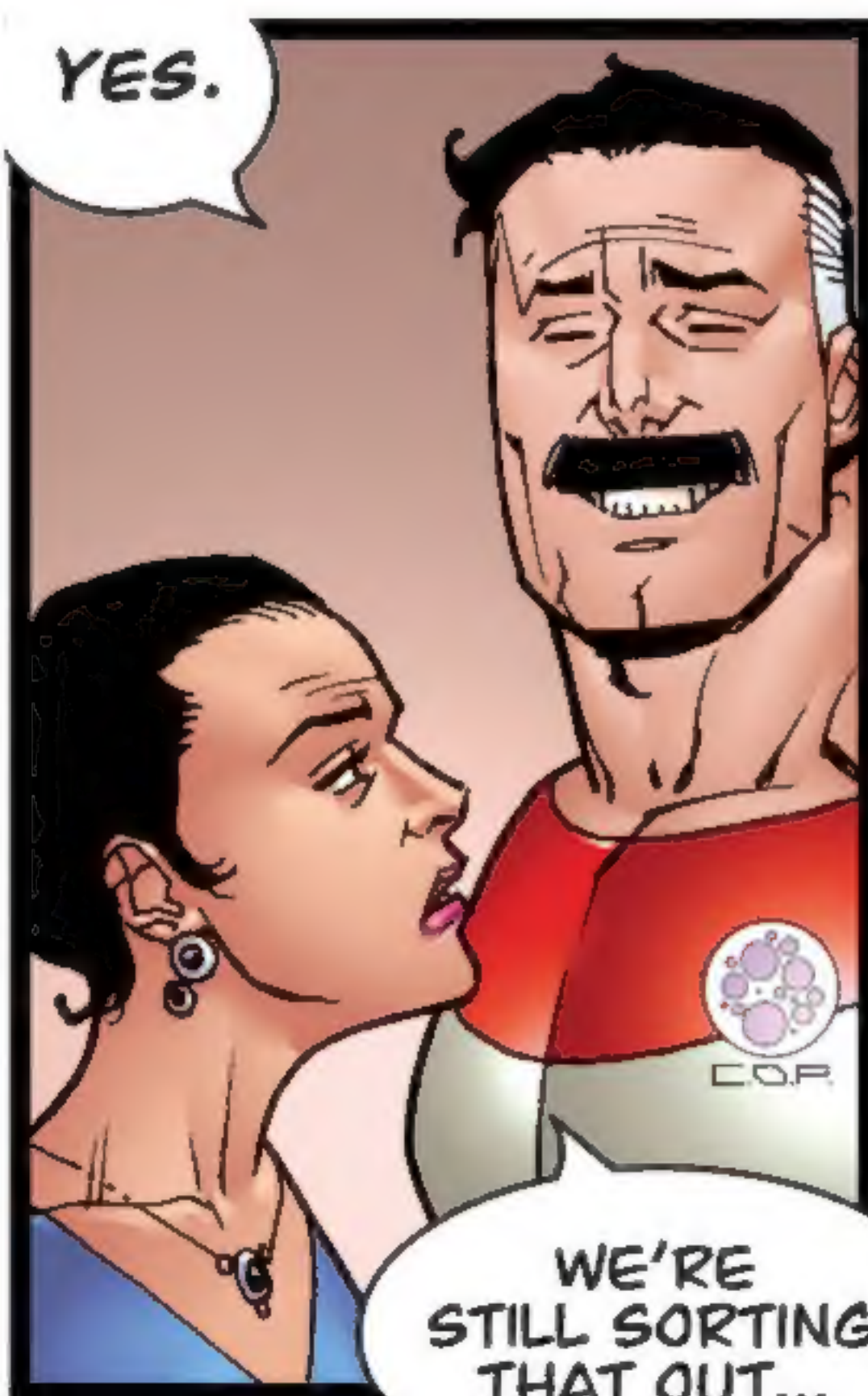
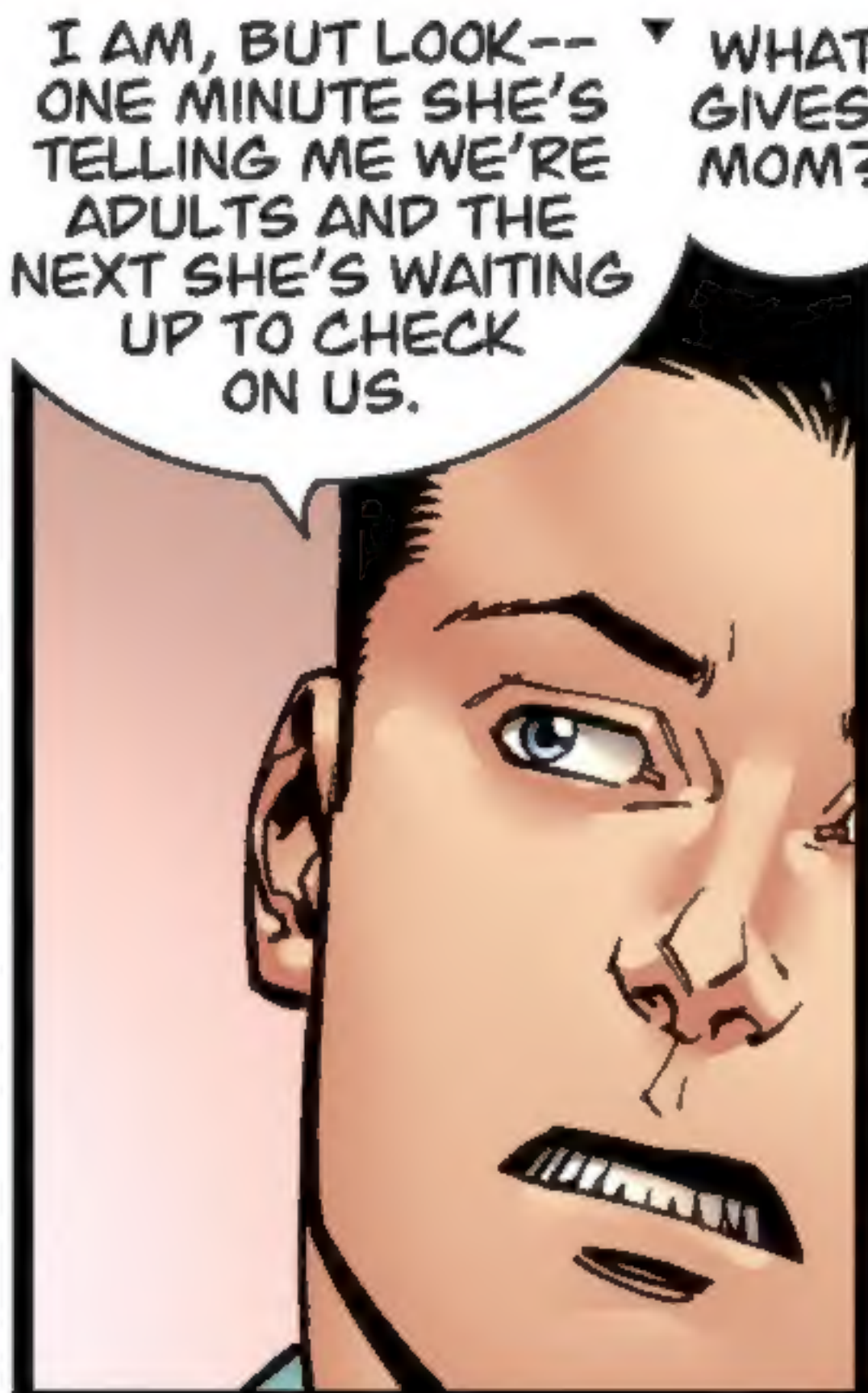
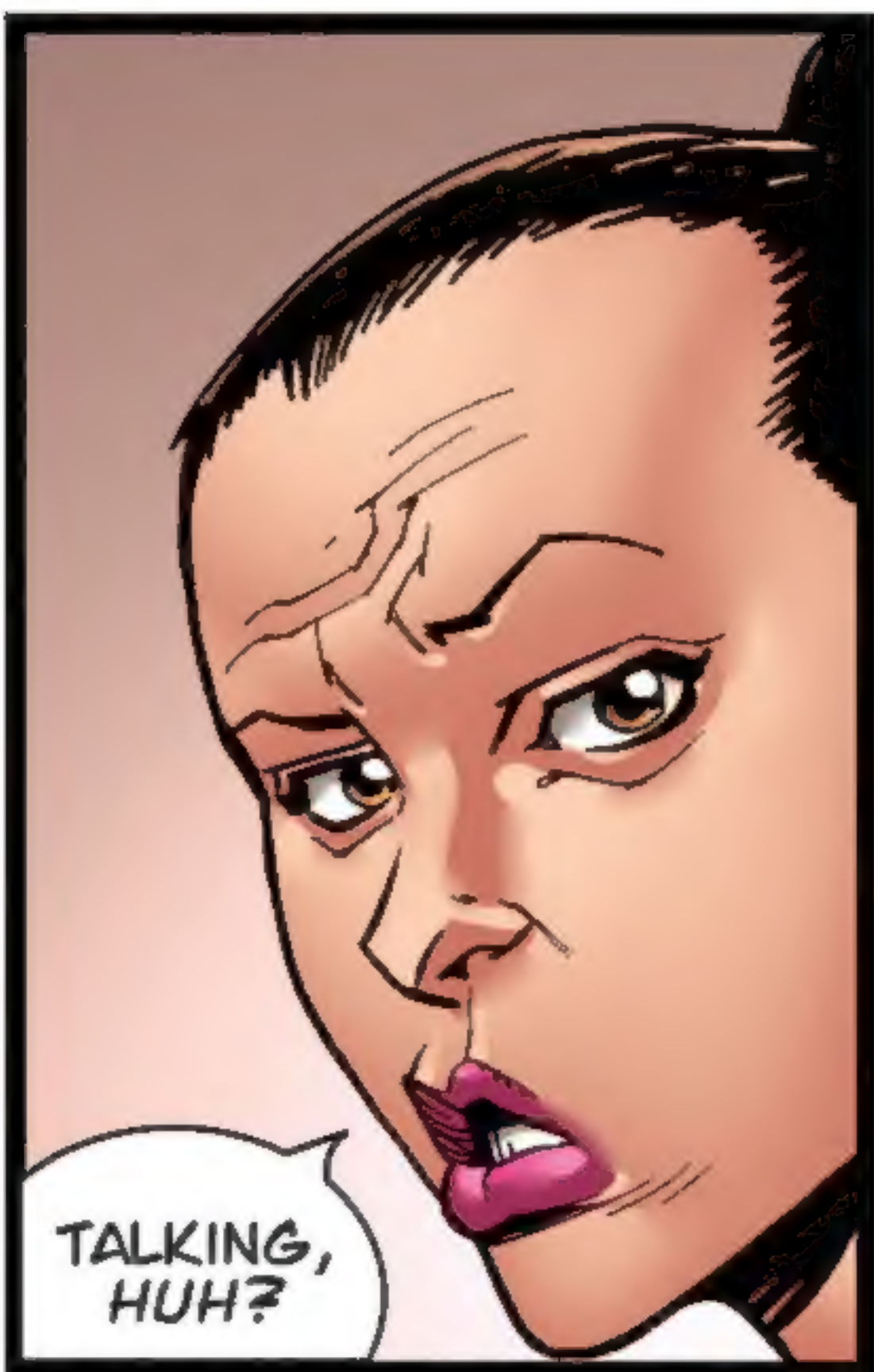
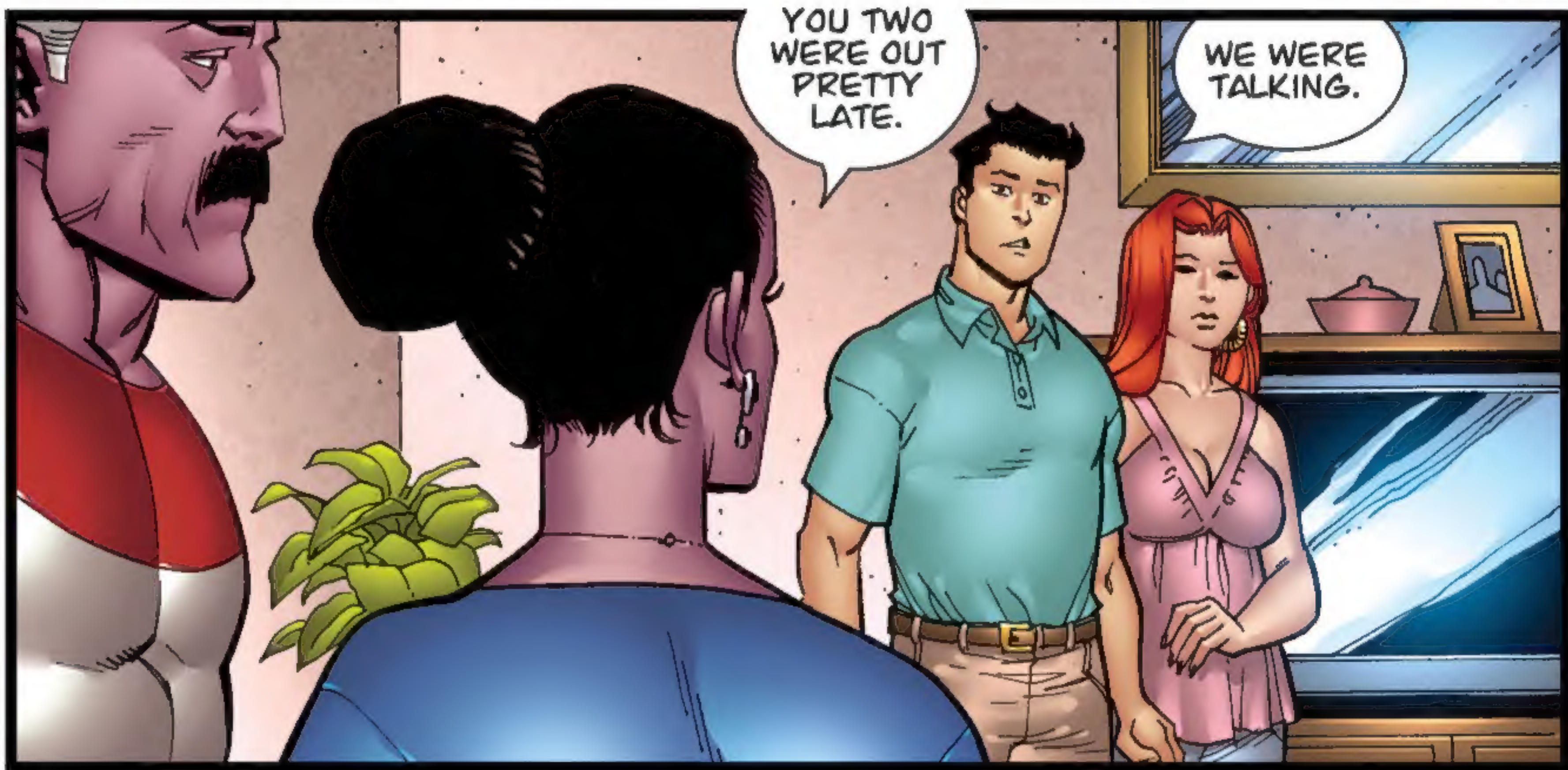
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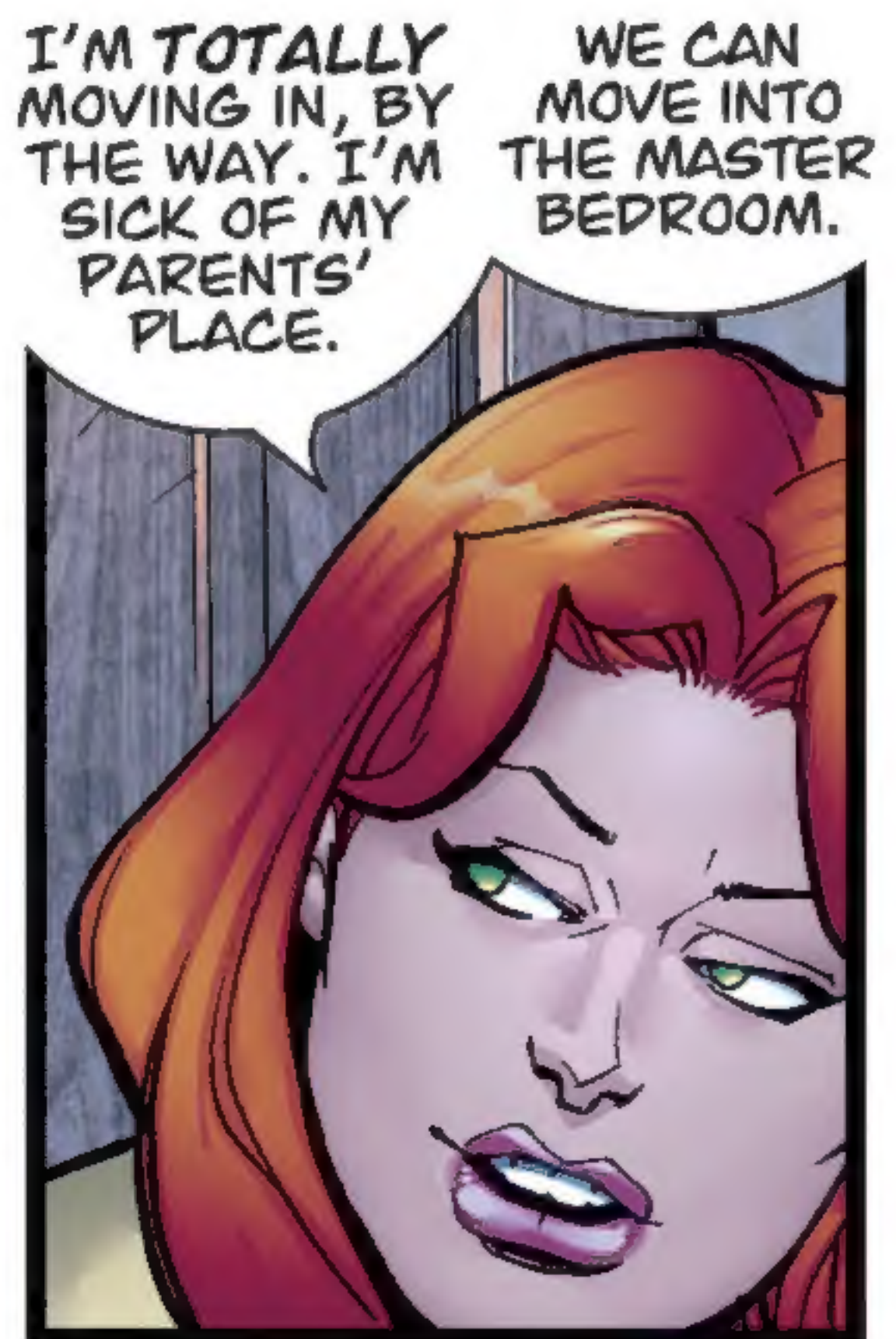
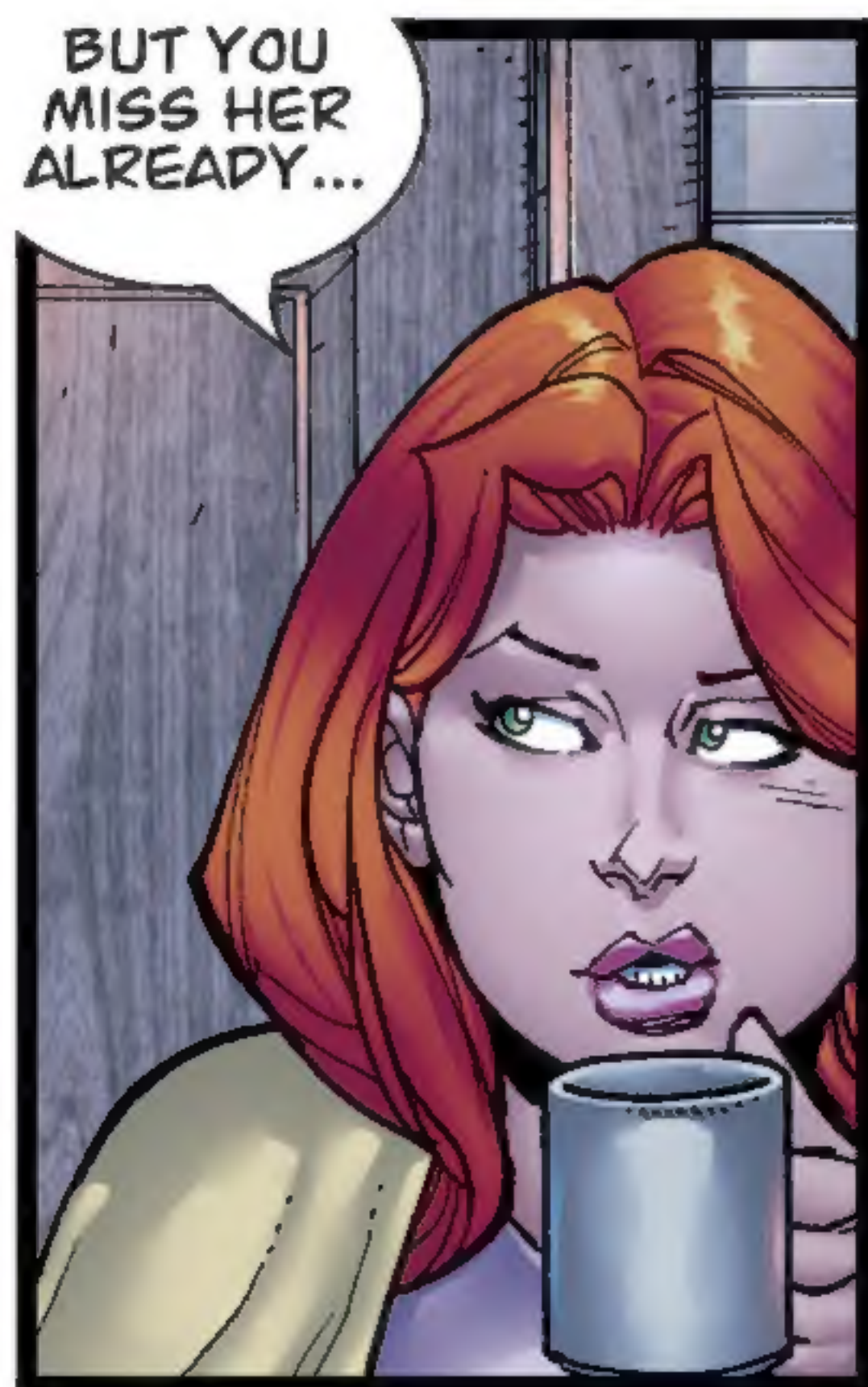
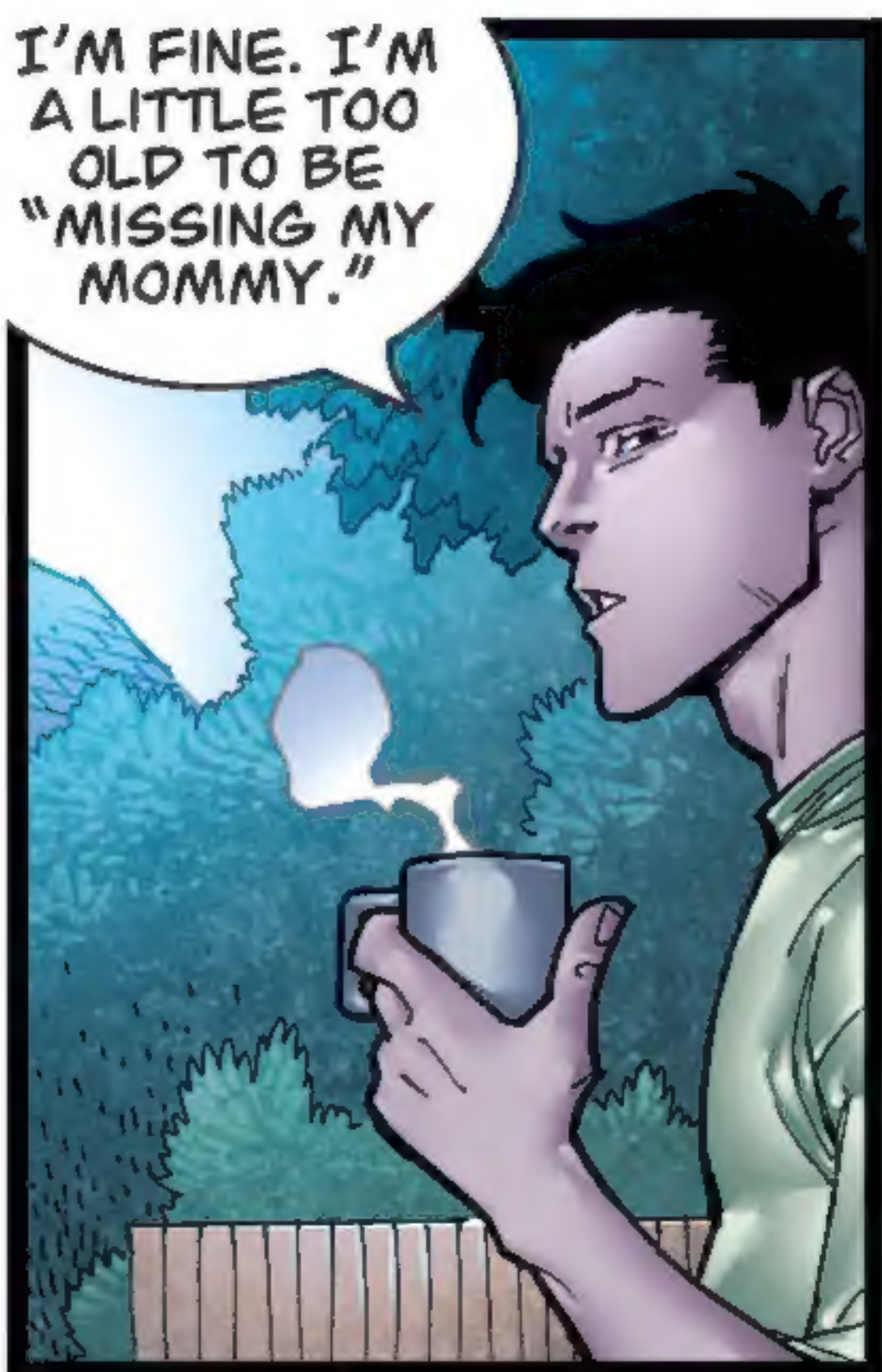
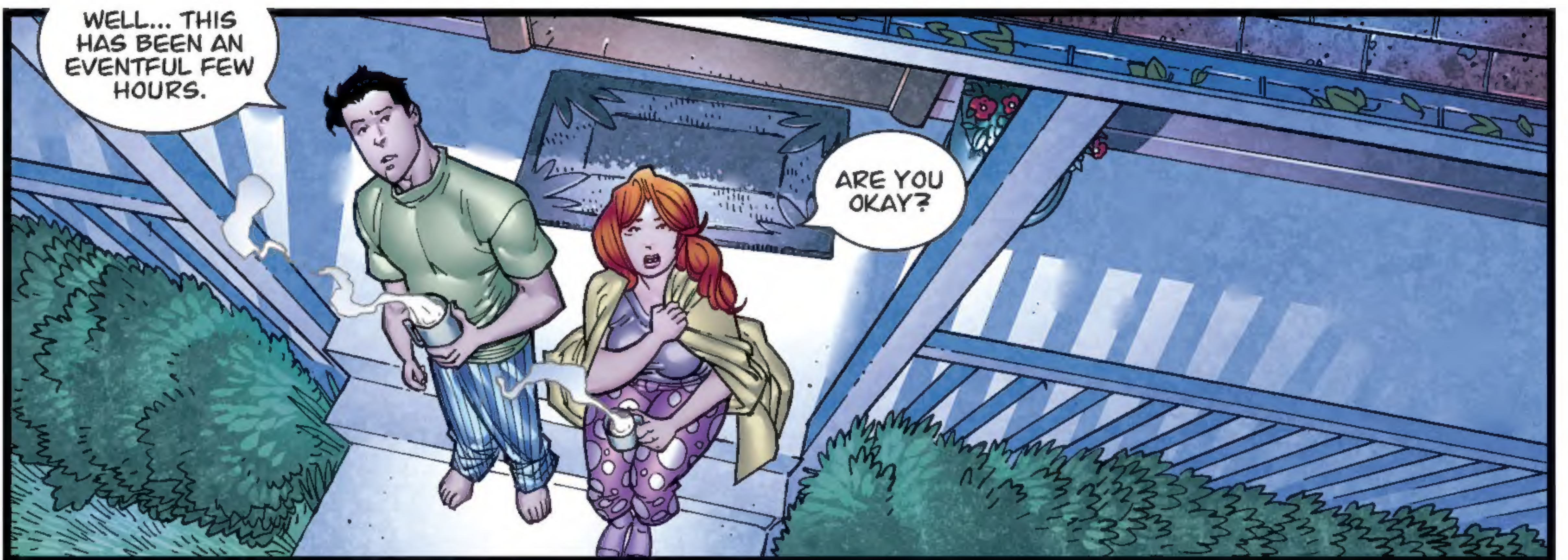
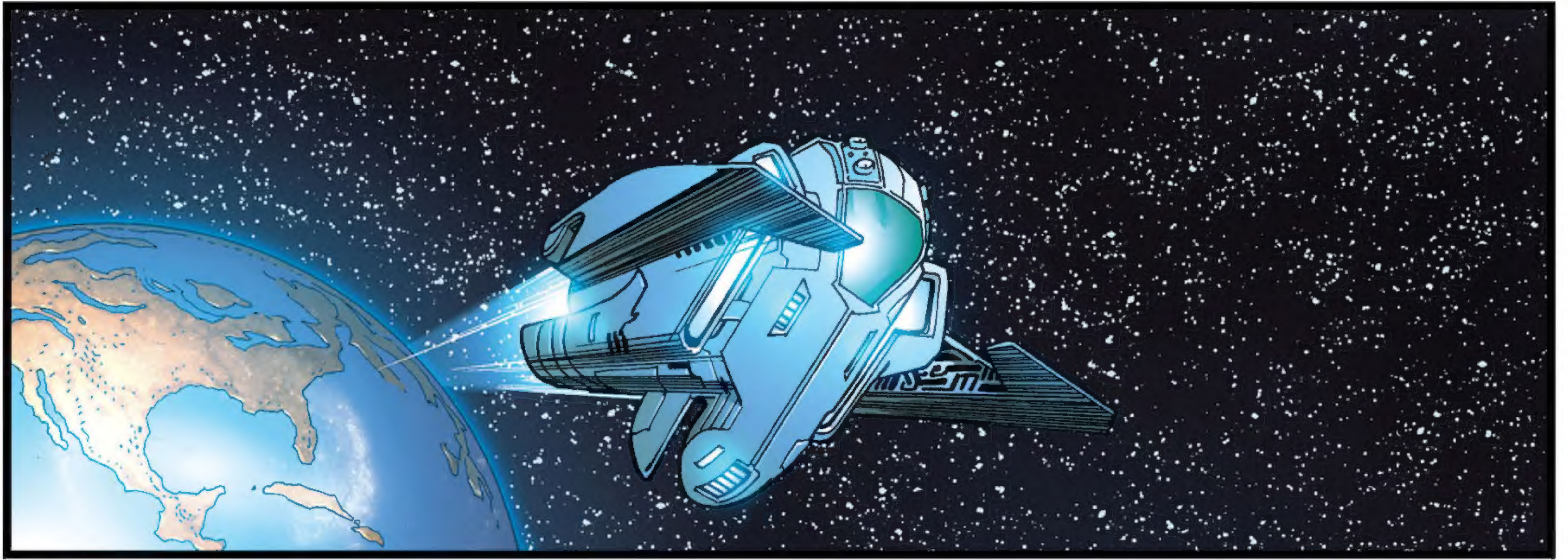
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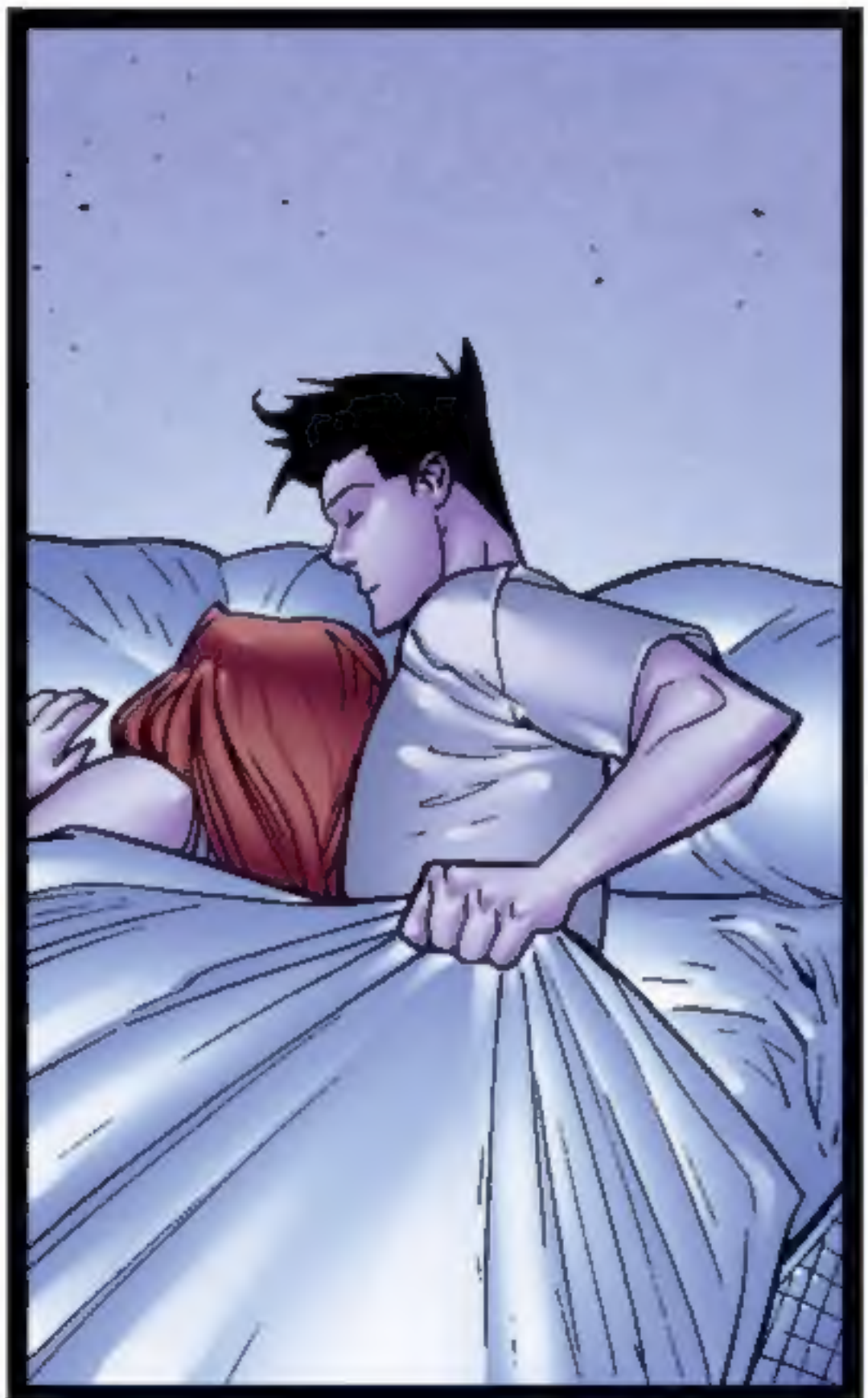
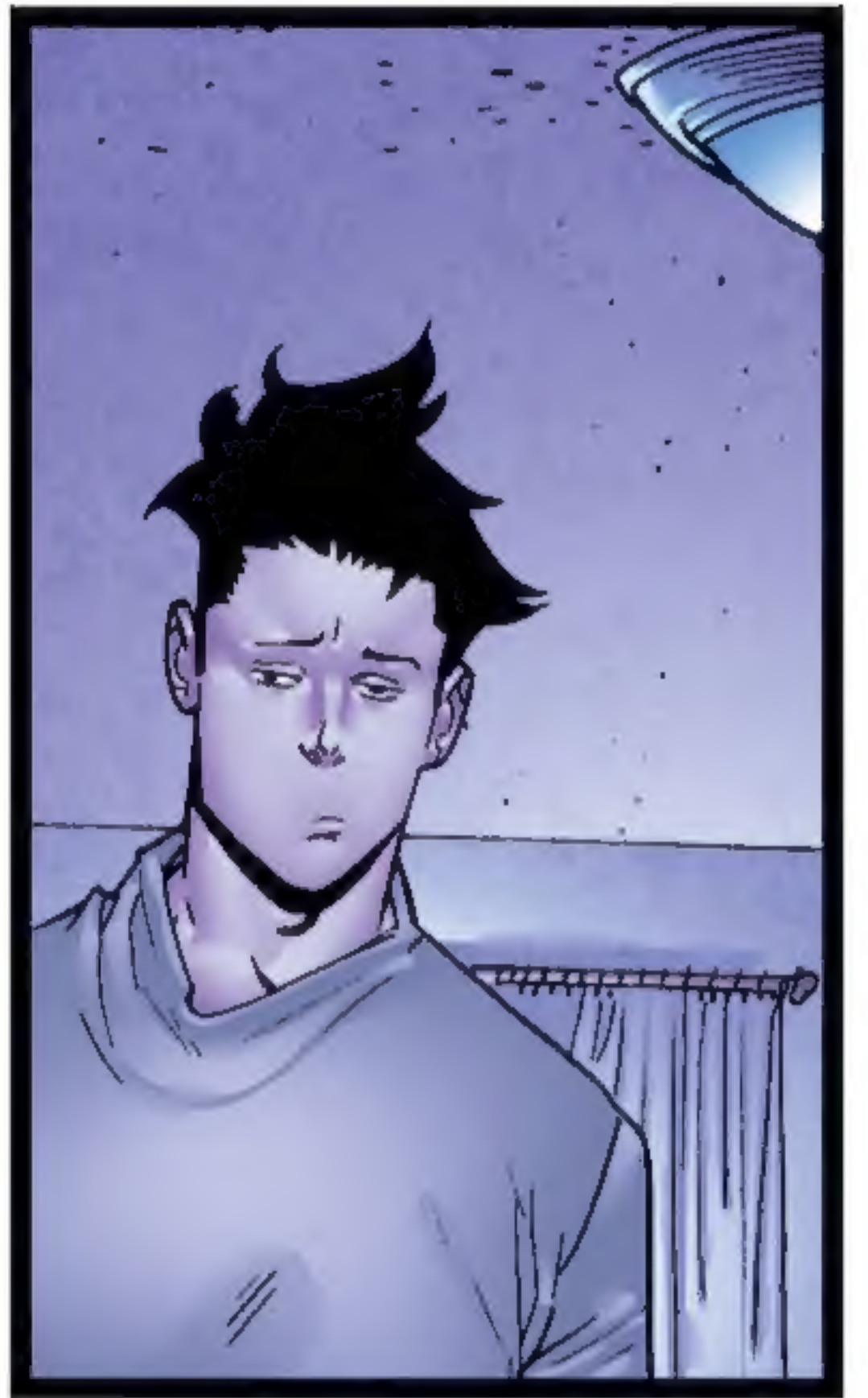
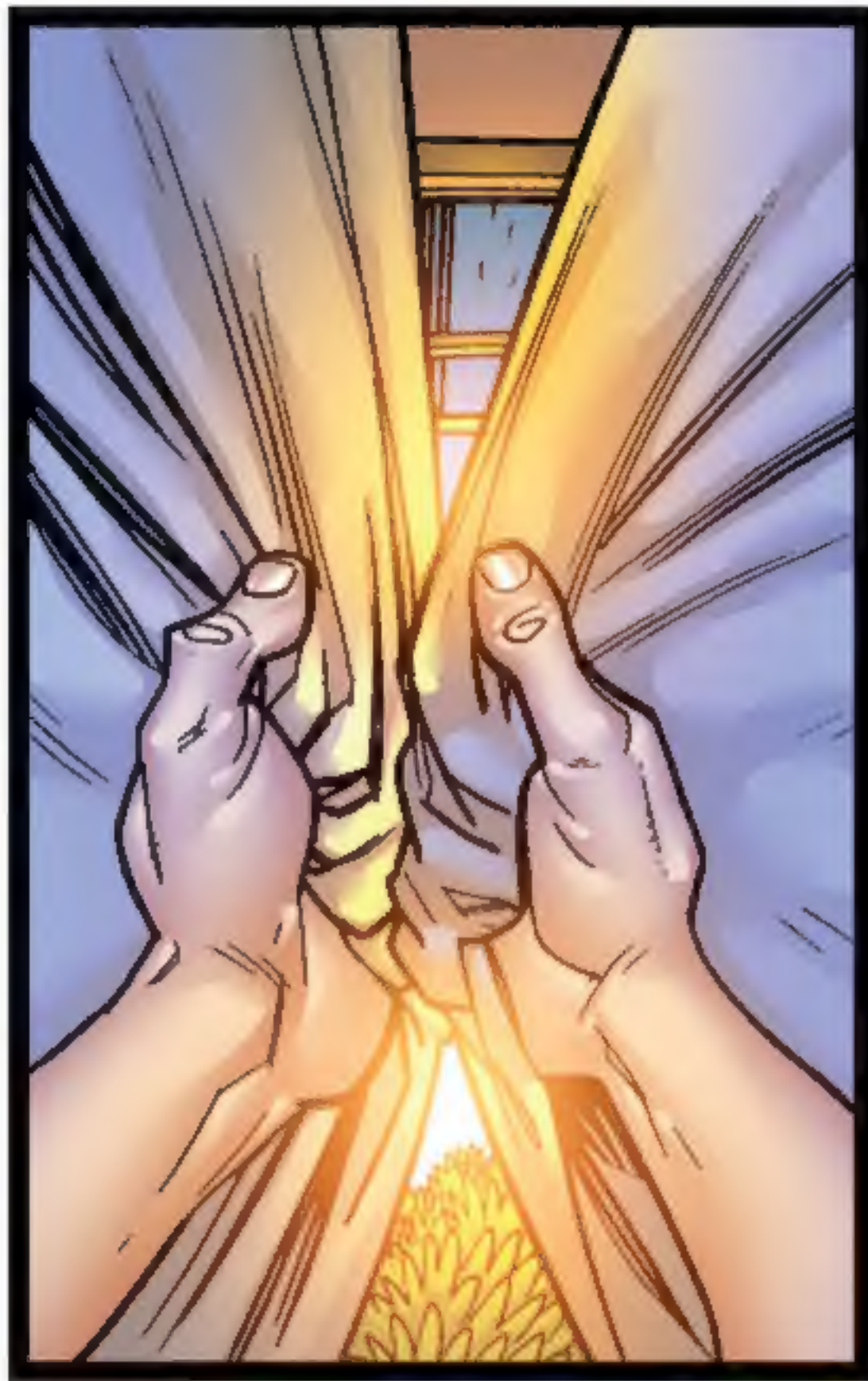














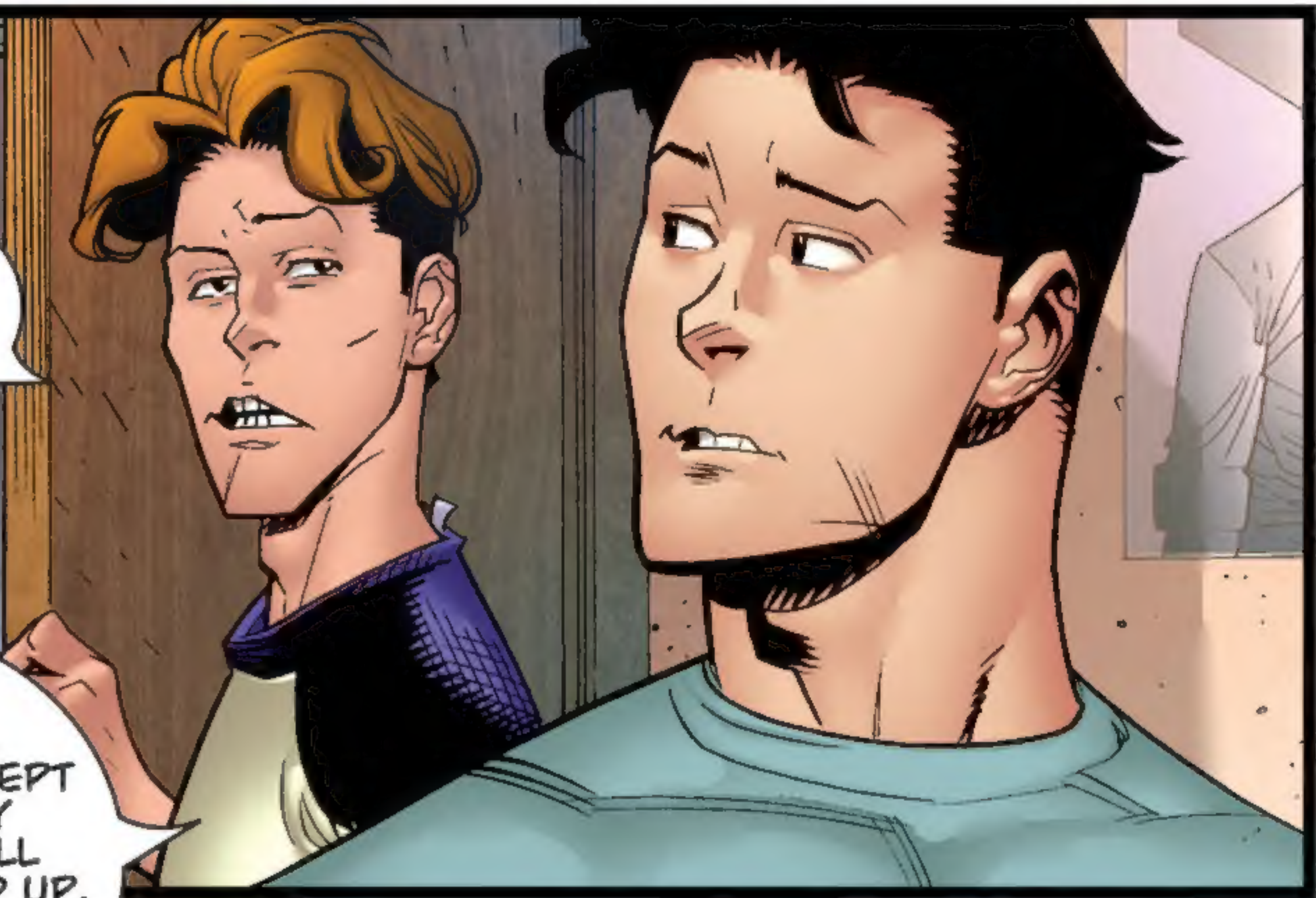


AND FINALLY YOU  
COME TO VISIT.  
UNANNOUNCED--  
AND EXACTLY AT  
DINNER TIME.

STILL,  
IT'S GOOD  
TO SEE YOU,  
MARK.

IS IT  
DINNER  
TIME?  
JEEZ!  
SORRY.

EVE AND I  
WERE UP ALL  
NIGHT, SO WE SLEPT  
TODAY AND MY  
SCHEDULE IS ALL  
KINDS OF MESSED UP.



UP ALL  
NIGHT,  
HUH?

I GUESS  
YOU TWO  
ARE GETTING  
REACQUAINTED,  
THEN.



OH, HOW  
I'VE MISSED  
OUR LITTLE  
TALKS,  
WILLIAM.

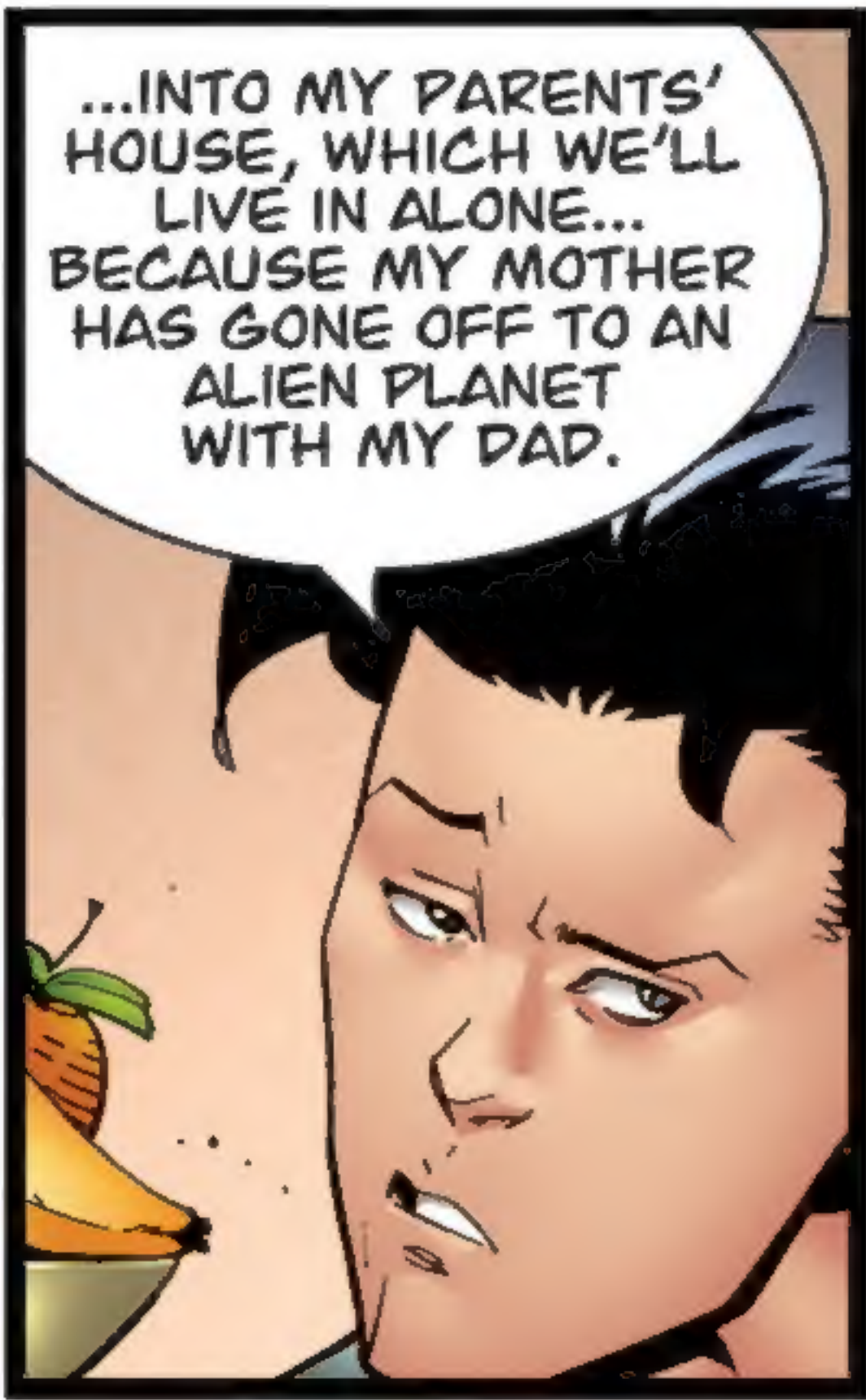


YEAH,  
SORRY...  
I COULDN'T  
RESIST.

WHAT  
BRINGS  
YOU  
HERE?



SHE'S  
MOVING IN  
WITH ME,  
BY THE WAY...



...INTO MY PARENTS'  
HOUSE, WHICH WE'LL  
LIVE IN ALONE...  
BECAUSE MY MOTHER  
HAS GONE OFF TO AN  
ALIEN PLANET  
WITH MY DAD.



BEING YOUR  
FRIEND IS  
LIKE, THE  
COOLEST  
THING  
EVER.

IT'S ALWAYS  
ALIEN PLANET  
THIS AND END  
OF THE WORLD  
THAT. I'VE  
REALLY  
MISSED YOU,  
MAN.

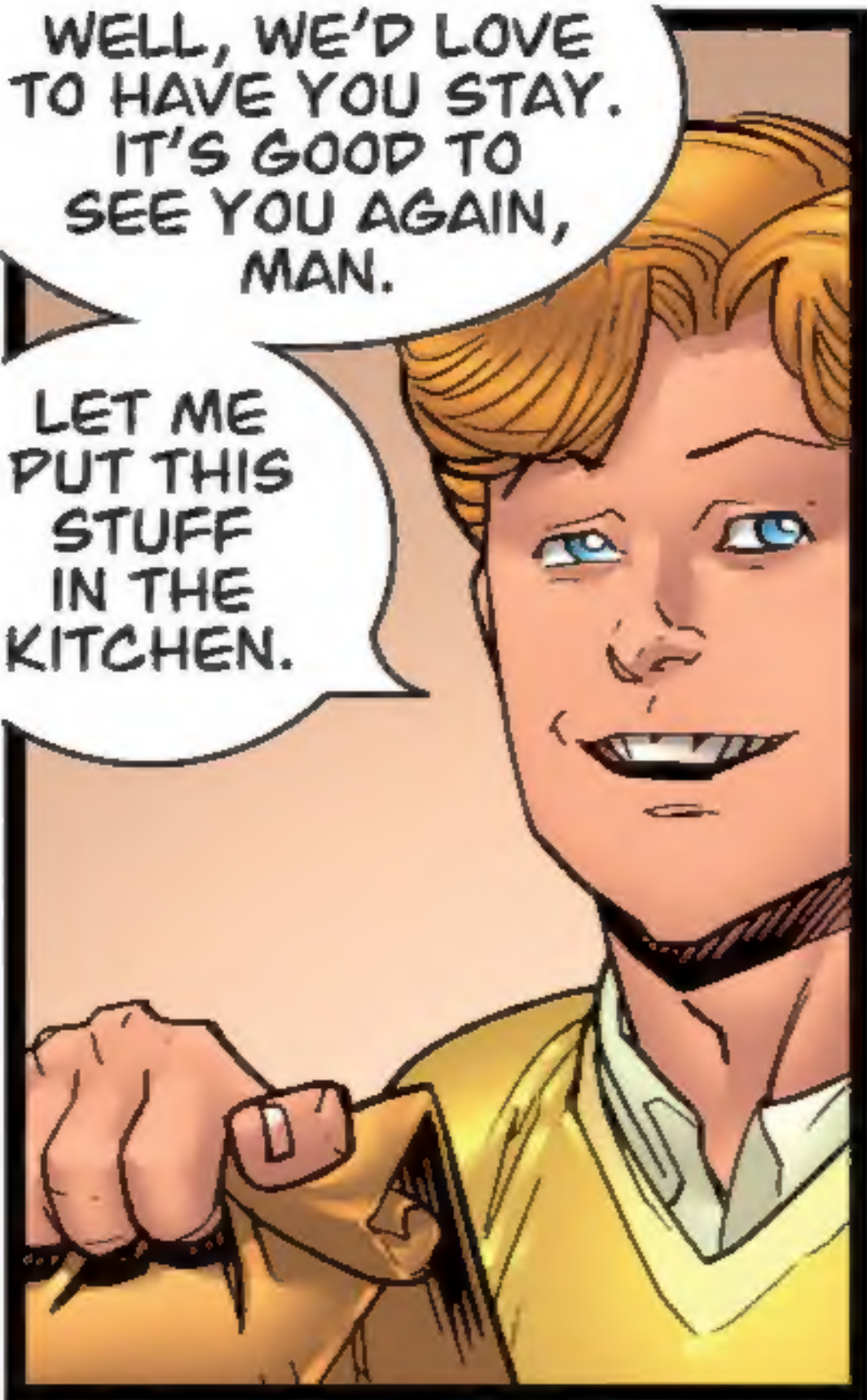


DINNER  
IS SER--

OH,  
WILLIAM--  
I DIDN'T  
KNOW WE WERE  
HAVING  
COMPANY.

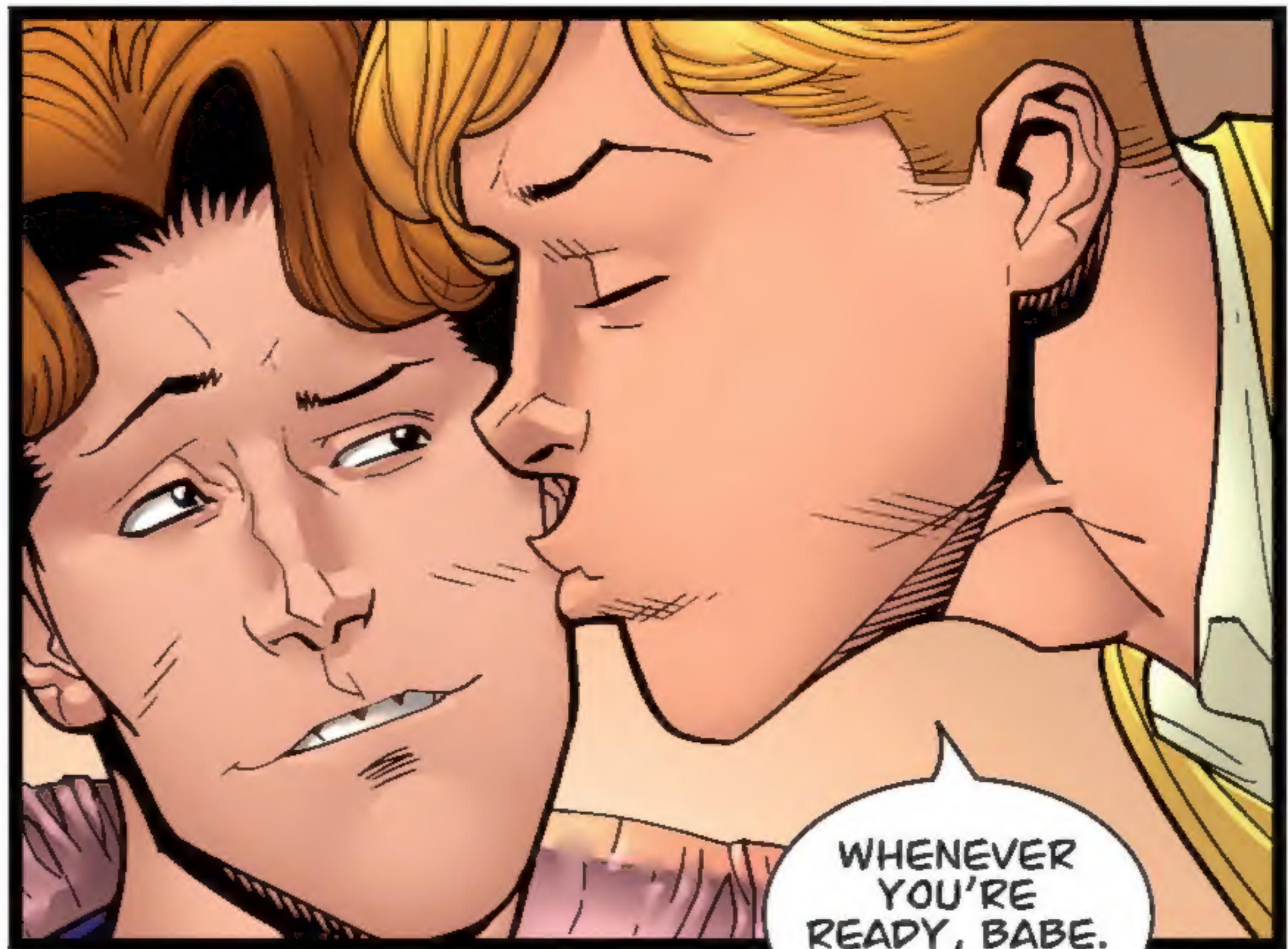


SORRY, RICK.  
I JUST POPPED  
IN FOR A MINUTE.  
I CAN'T STAY  
FOR DINNER  
ANYWAY.



WELL, WE'D LOVE  
TO HAVE YOU STAY.  
IT'S GOOD TO  
SEE YOU AGAIN,  
MAN.

LET ME  
PUT THIS  
STUFF  
IN THE  
KITCHEN.



WHENEVER  
YOU'RE  
READY, BABE.



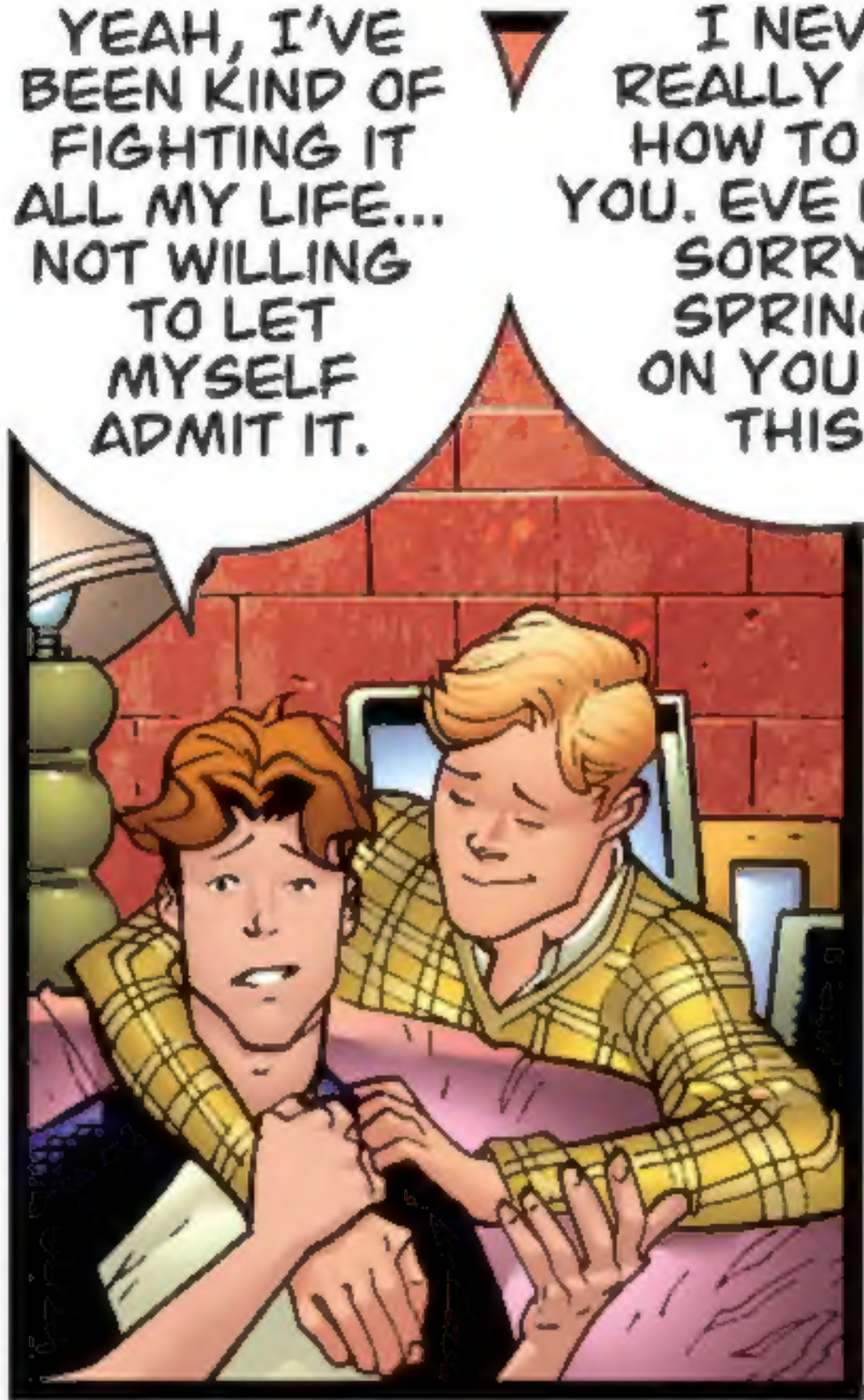
UH...  
WHAT?





YOU'RE GAY?

WHOA.



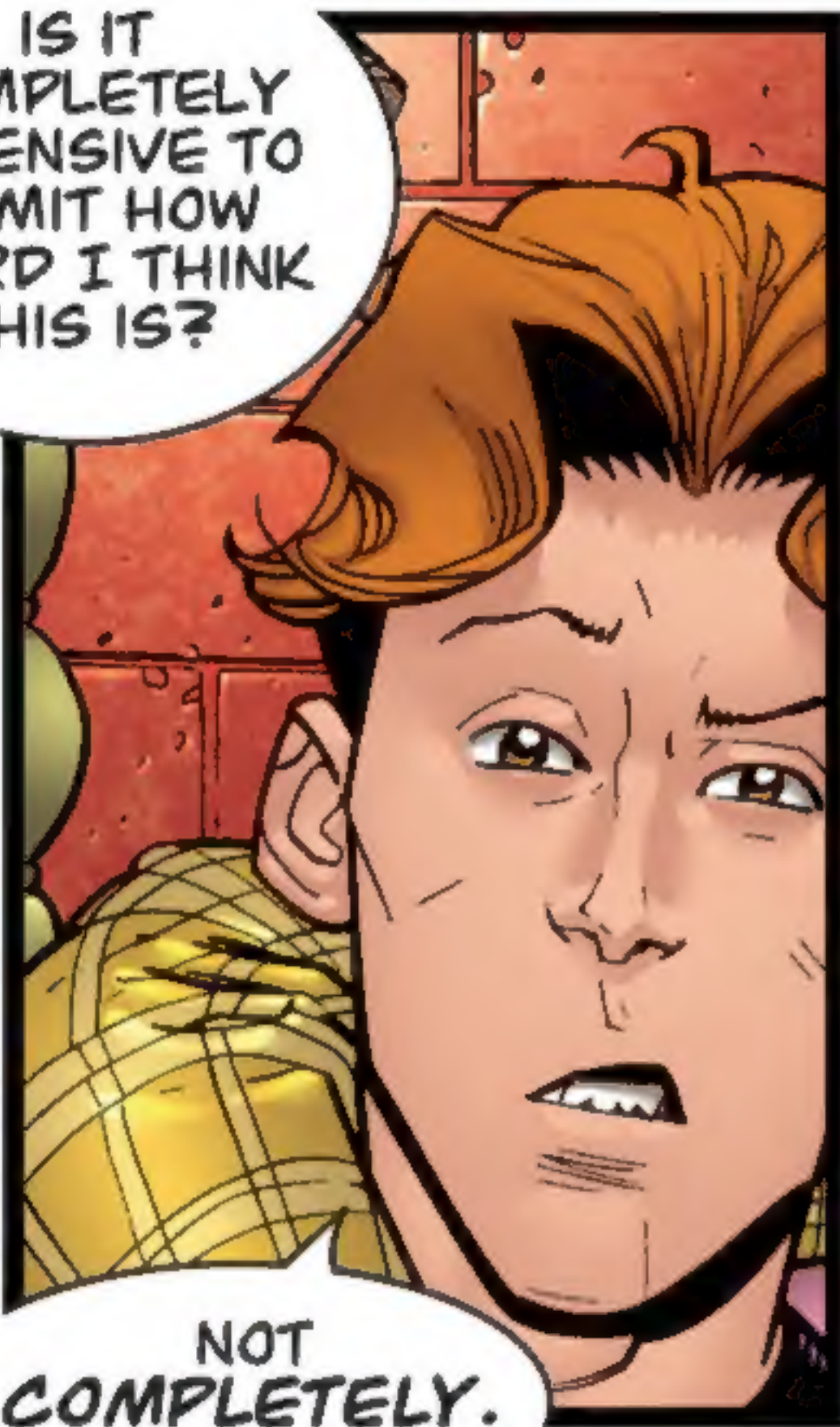
YEAH, I'VE BEEN KIND OF FIGHTING IT ALL MY LIFE... NOT WILLING TO LET MYSELF ADMIT IT.

I NEVER REALLY KNEW HOW TO TELL YOU. EVE KNOWS. SORRY TO SPRING IT ON YOU LIKE THIS.



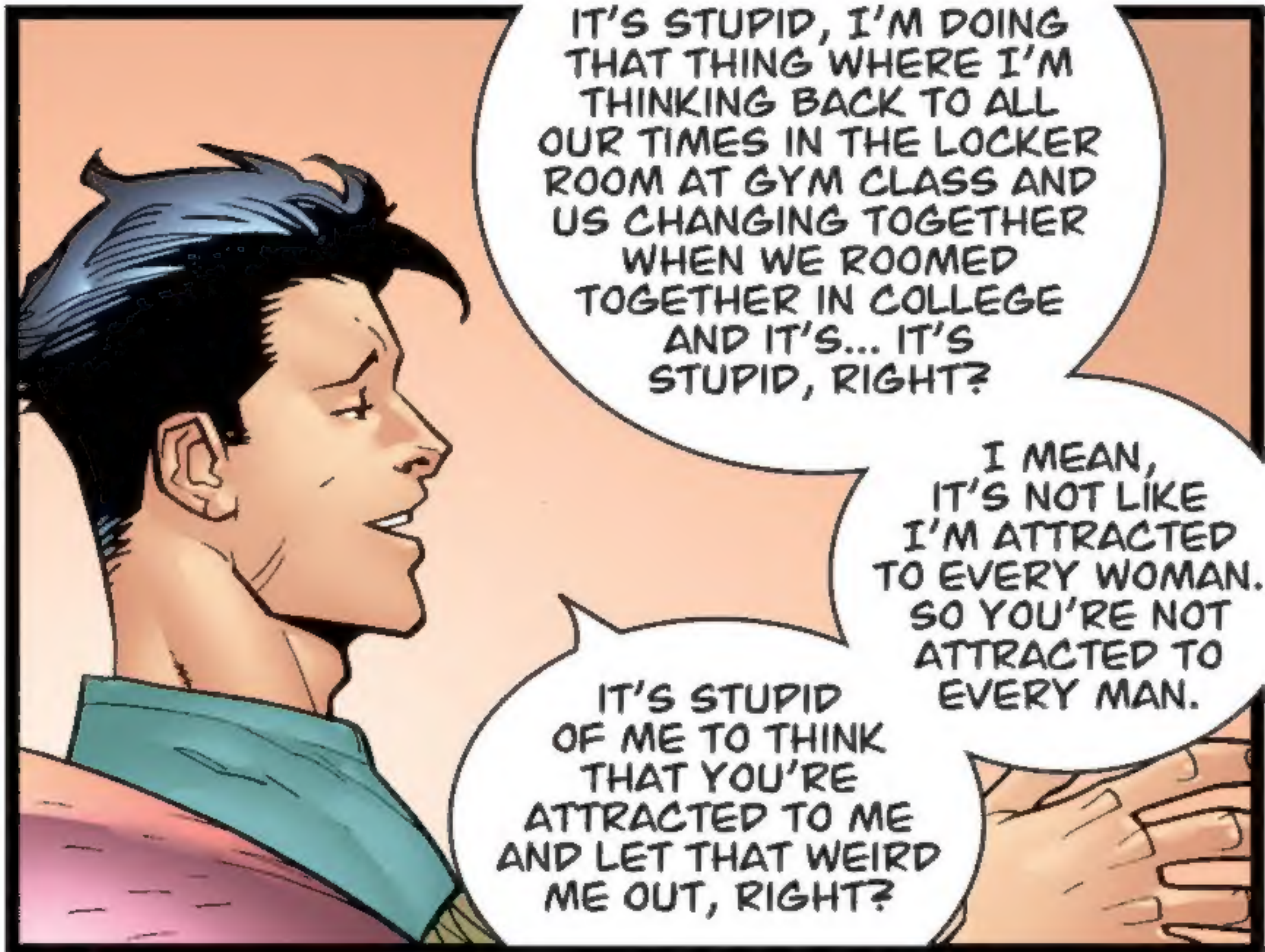
IT'S OKAY... REALLY. NO BIG DEAL...

UH...



IS IT COMPLETELY OFFENSIVE TO ADMIT HOW WEIRD I THINK THIS IS?

NOT COMPLETELY.



IT'S STUPID, I'M DOING THAT THING WHERE I'M THINKING BACK TO ALL OUR TIMES IN THE LOCKER ROOM AT GYM CLASS AND US CHANGING TOGETHER WHEN WE ROOMED TOGETHER IN COLLEGE AND IT'S... IT'S STUPID, RIGHT?

I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ATTRACTED TO EVERY WOMAN. SO YOU'RE NOT ATTRACTED TO EVERY MAN.

IT'S STUPID OF ME TO THINK THAT YOU'RE ATTRACTED TO ME AND LET THAT WEIRD ME OUT, RIGHT?

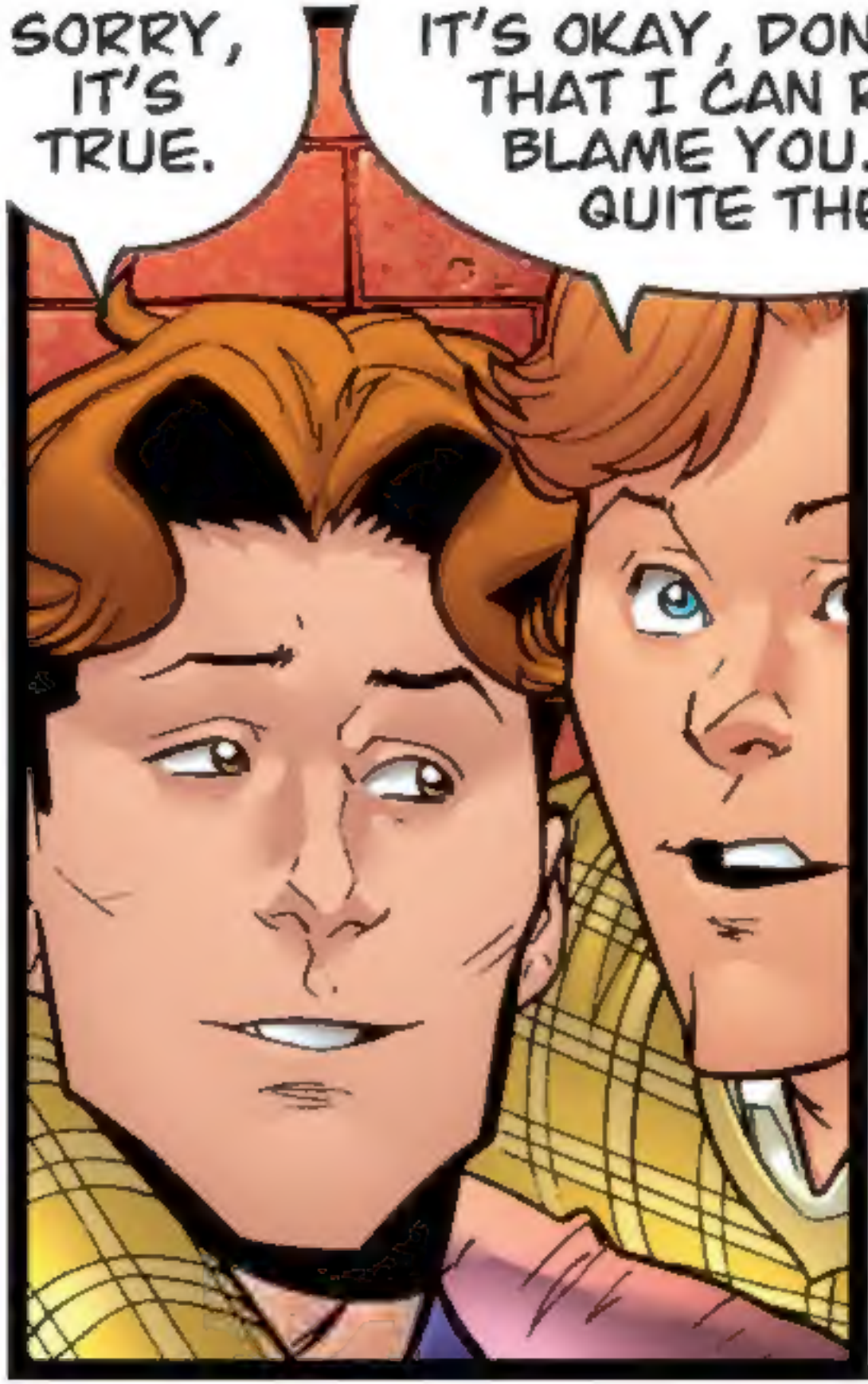


NOT AT ALL. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN **EXTREMELY** ATTRACTED TO YOU.

HEY!



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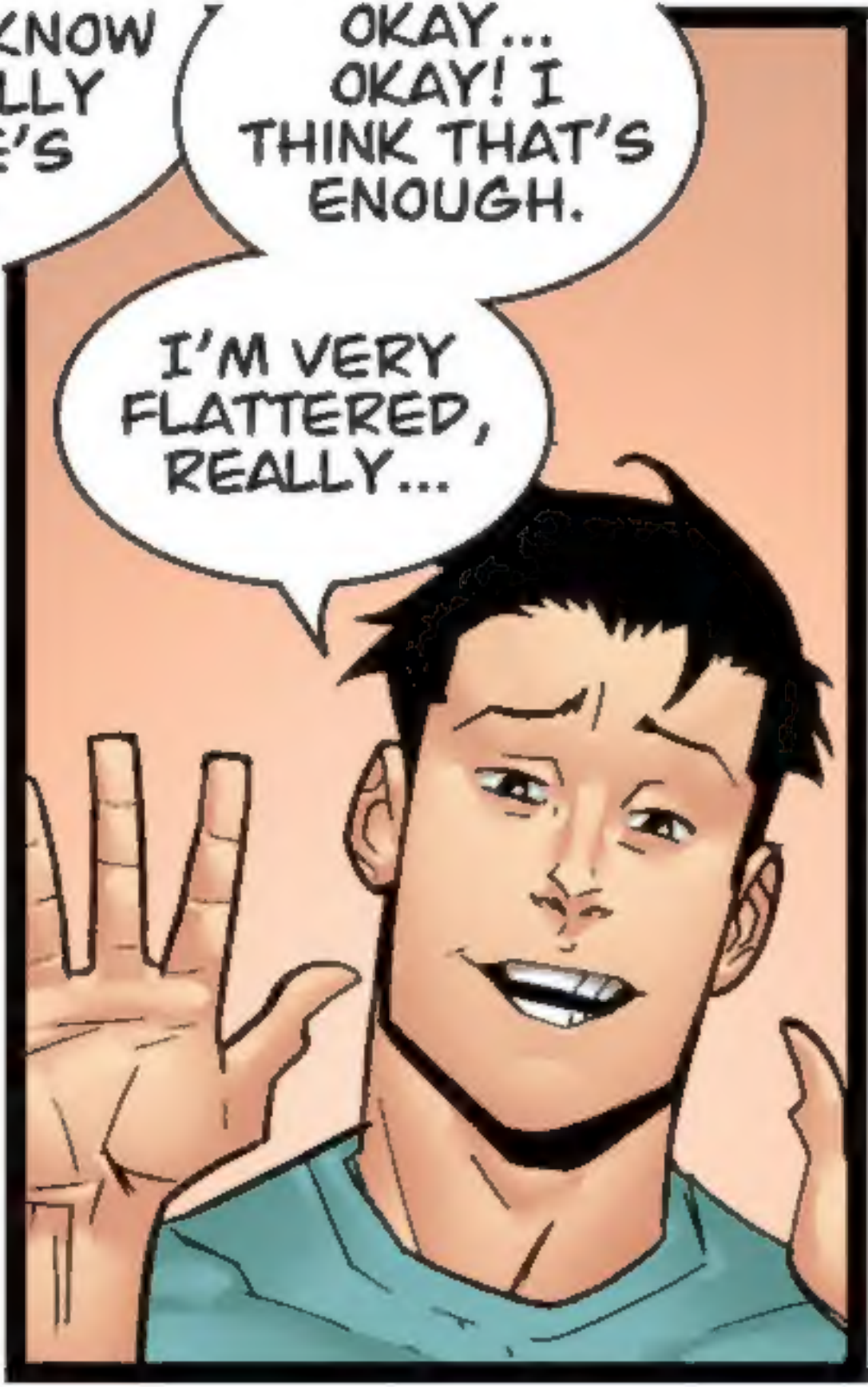


SORRY, IT'S TRUE.

IT'S OKAY, DON'T KNOW THAT I CAN REALLY BLAME YOU. HE'S QUITE THE--

OKAY... OKAY! I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH.

I'M VERY FLATTERED, REALLY...

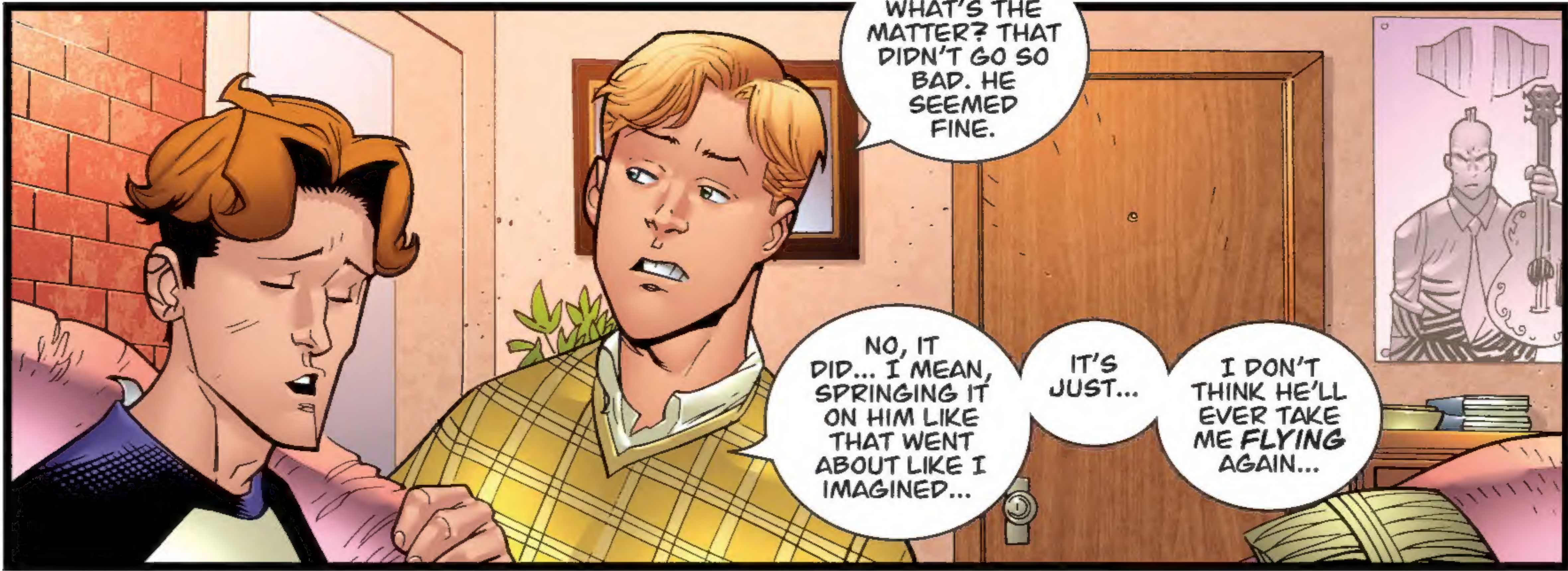


BUT I REALLY SHOULD BE GOING, EVE'S PROBABLY DONE...

THANKS FOR TELLING ME, IT'S TOTALLY COOL. REALLY.



I'LL CALL YOU. WE NEED TO HANG OUT SOME TIME--MAYBE WE CAN DOUBLE-DATE.



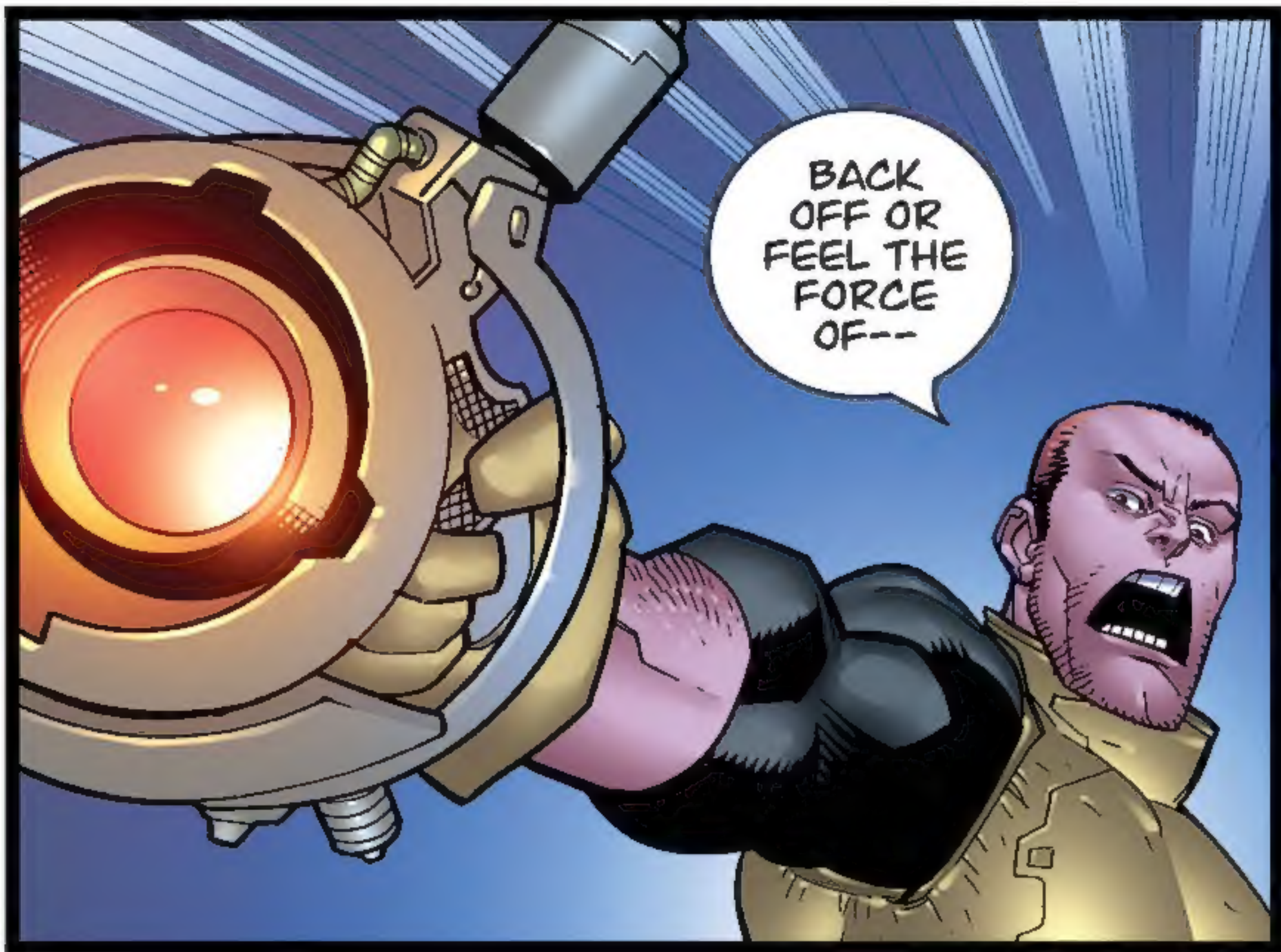
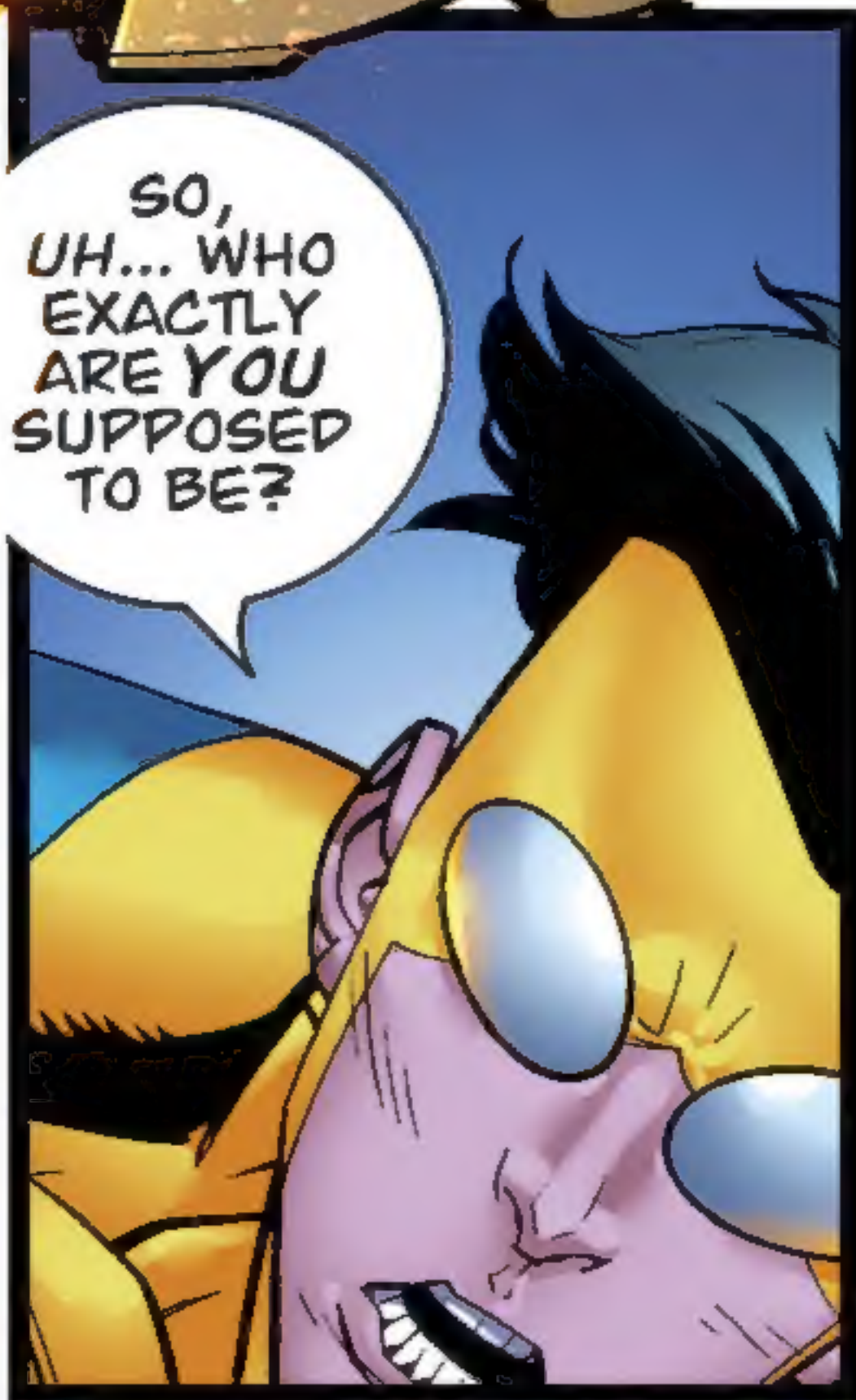
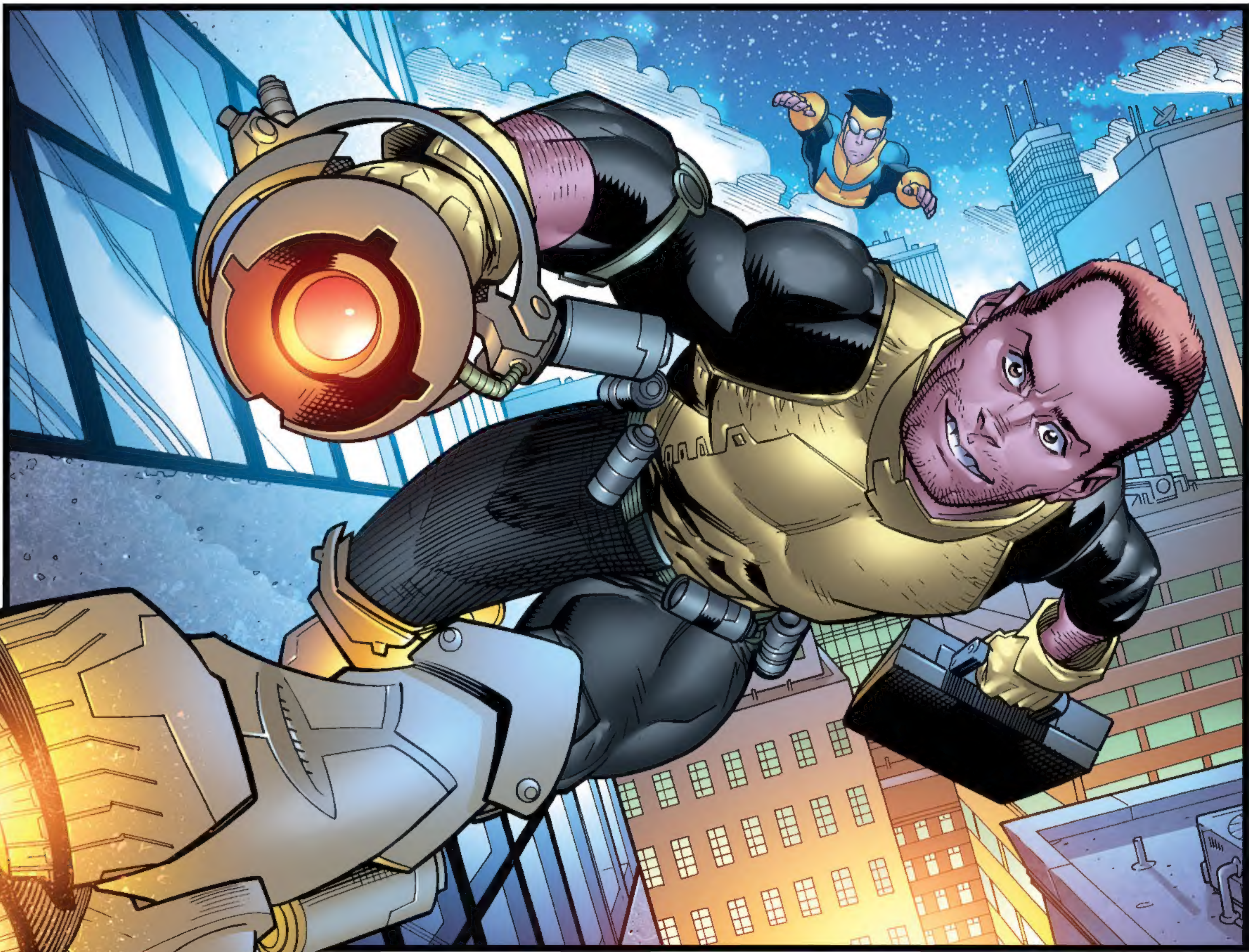
WHAT'S THE MATTER? THAT DIDN'T GO SO BAD. HE SEEMED FINE.

NO, IT DID... I MEAN, SPRINGING IT ON HIM LIKE THAT WENT ABOUT LIKE I IMAGINED...

IT'S JUST...

I DON'T THINK HE'LL EVER TAKE ME FLYING AGAIN...









I CAN'T FIGHT YOU, I DON'T STAND A CHANCE. I THOUGHT I'D RUN INTO SOMEONE LIKE REX SPODE, I COULD HANDLE THAT.

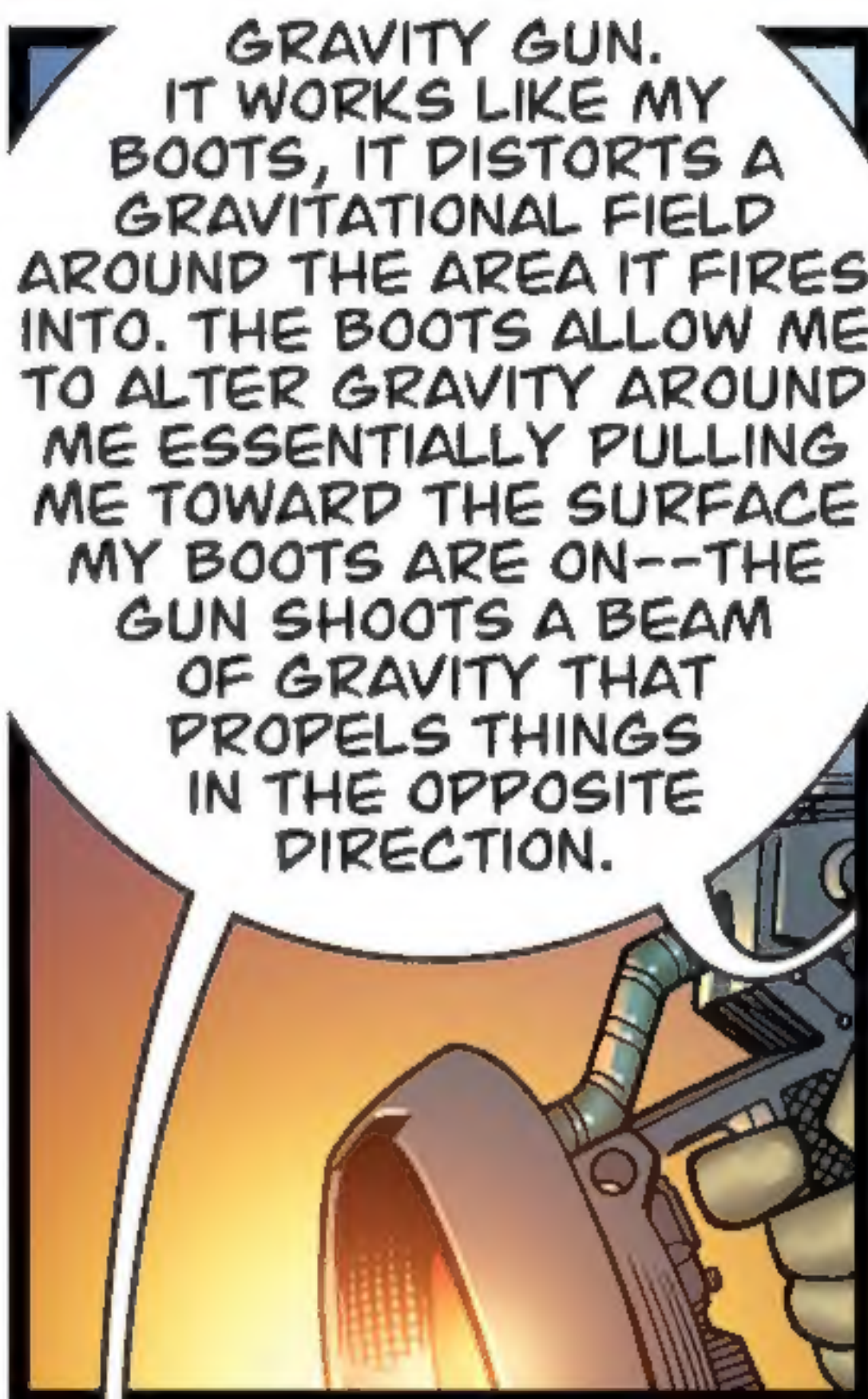
REX SPODE IS DEAD.

JEEZ, I'M SORRY. I HAD NO IDEA. I... LOOK, I SURRENDER OKAY? JUST-- PLEASE DON'T PUNCH ME OR ANYTHING.

WELL, YOU SEEM LIKE A REASONABLE GUY... SO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME PUNCHING YOU.



BUT... WHAT EXACTLY WAS THAT THING YOU POINTED AT ME?



GRAVITY GUN. IT WORKS LIKE MY BOOTS, IT DISTORTS A GRAVITATIONAL FIELD AROUND THE AREA IT FIRES INTO. THE BOOTS ALLOW ME TO ALTER GRAVITY AROUND ME ESSENTIALLY PULLING ME TOWARD THE SURFACE MY BOOTS ARE ON--THE GUN SHOOTS A BEAM OF GRAVITY THAT PROPELS THINGS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.



IT'S A PRETTY GOOD NON-LETHAL WEAPON-- PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU, THOUGH.

PROBABLY NOT. CAN I BE HONEST WITH YOU? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU DID. YOU DID DO SOMETHING WRONG, RIGHT?



I ROBBED A BANK, I'VE GOT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND IN BONDS HERE.

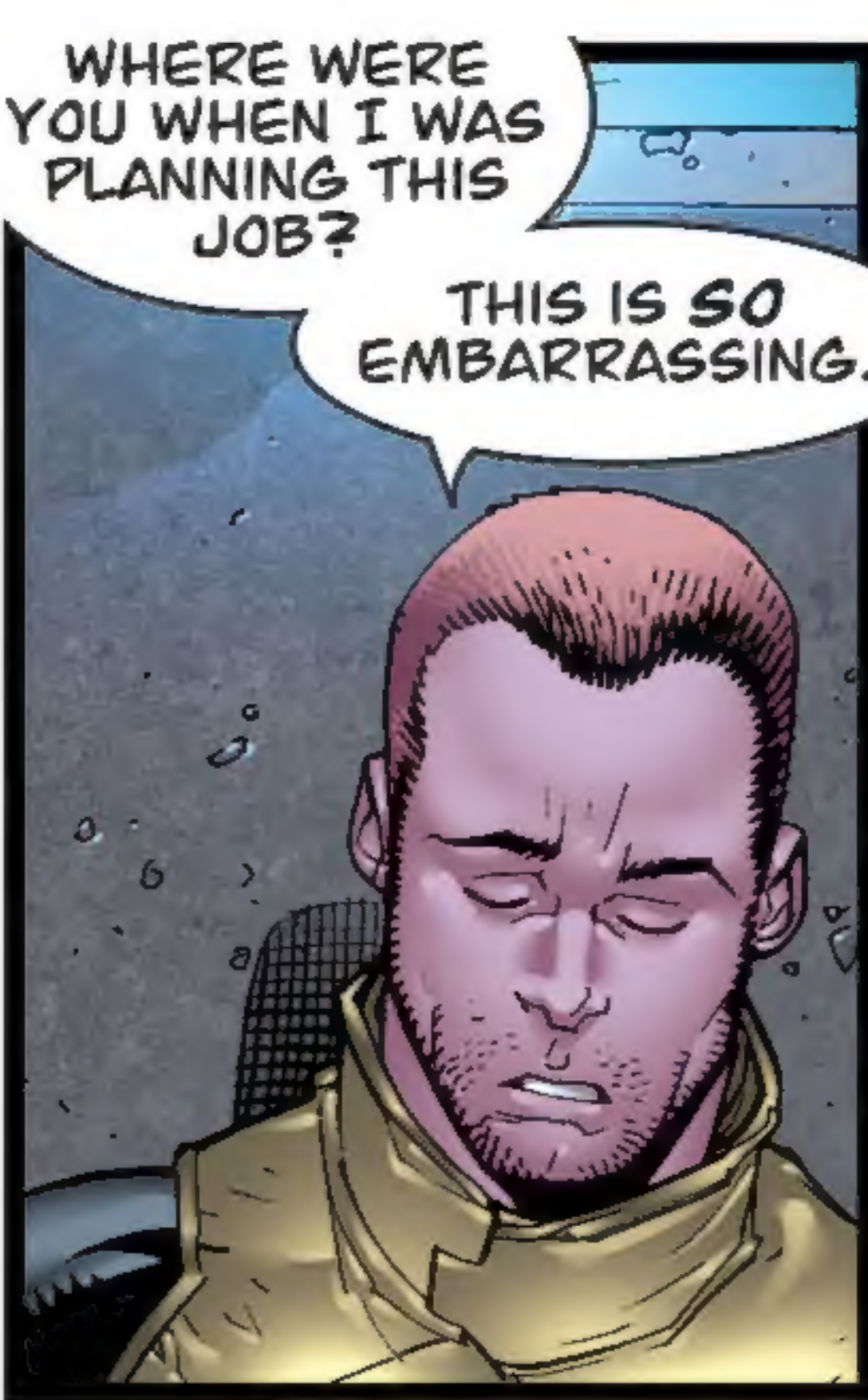
IT WAS A CINCH WITH THE BOOTS, NOBODY SAW ME-- NO ONE LOOKS UP.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME. SO THE GETUP, NECESSARY INSIDE THE BANK, SURE--BUT OUTSIDE?

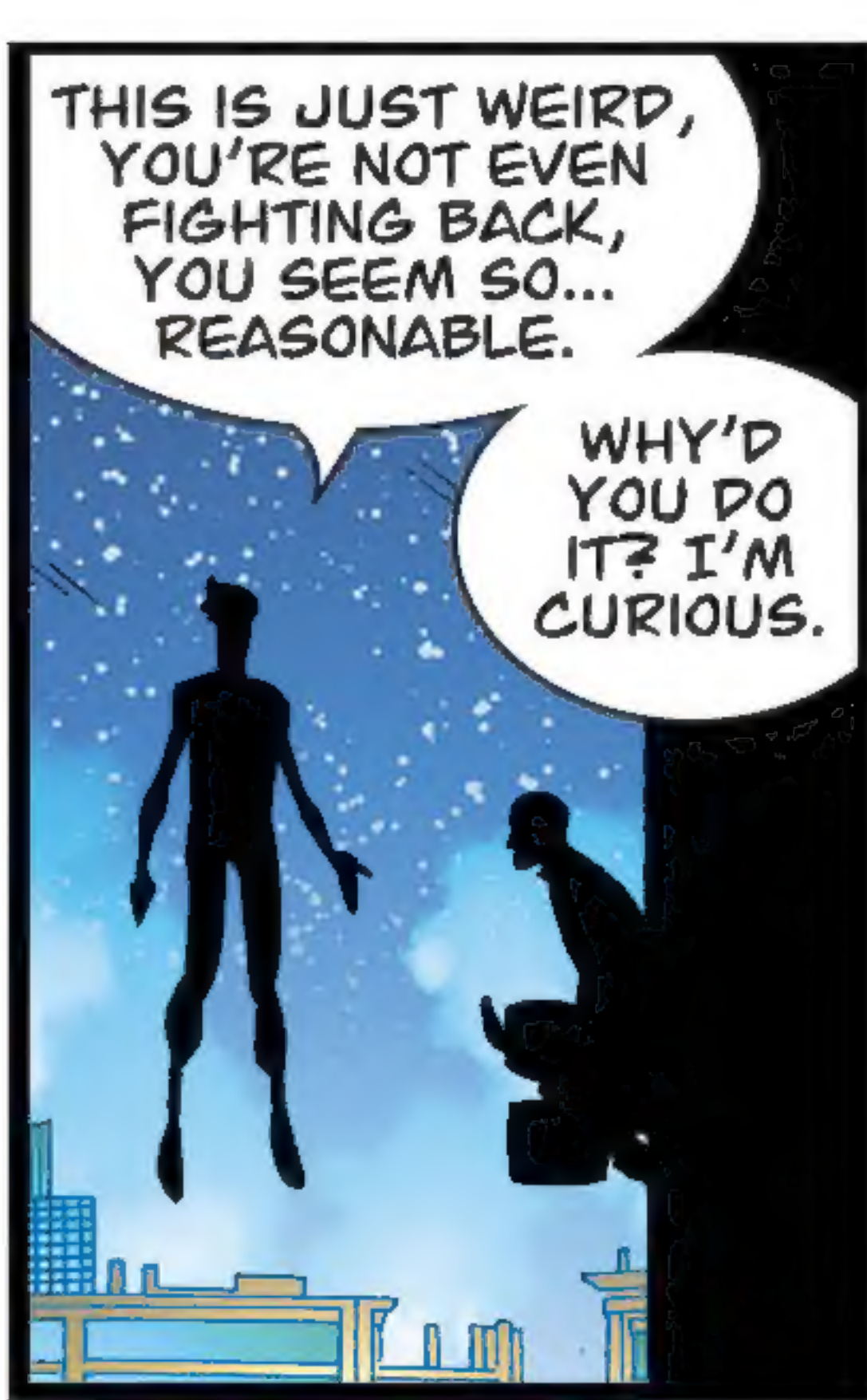
I MEAN, IF YOU'D JUST BEEN WALKING DOWN THE STREET WITH A BRIEFCASE, I PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN NOTICED YOU.

JUST SAYING.



WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I WAS PLANNING THIS JOB?

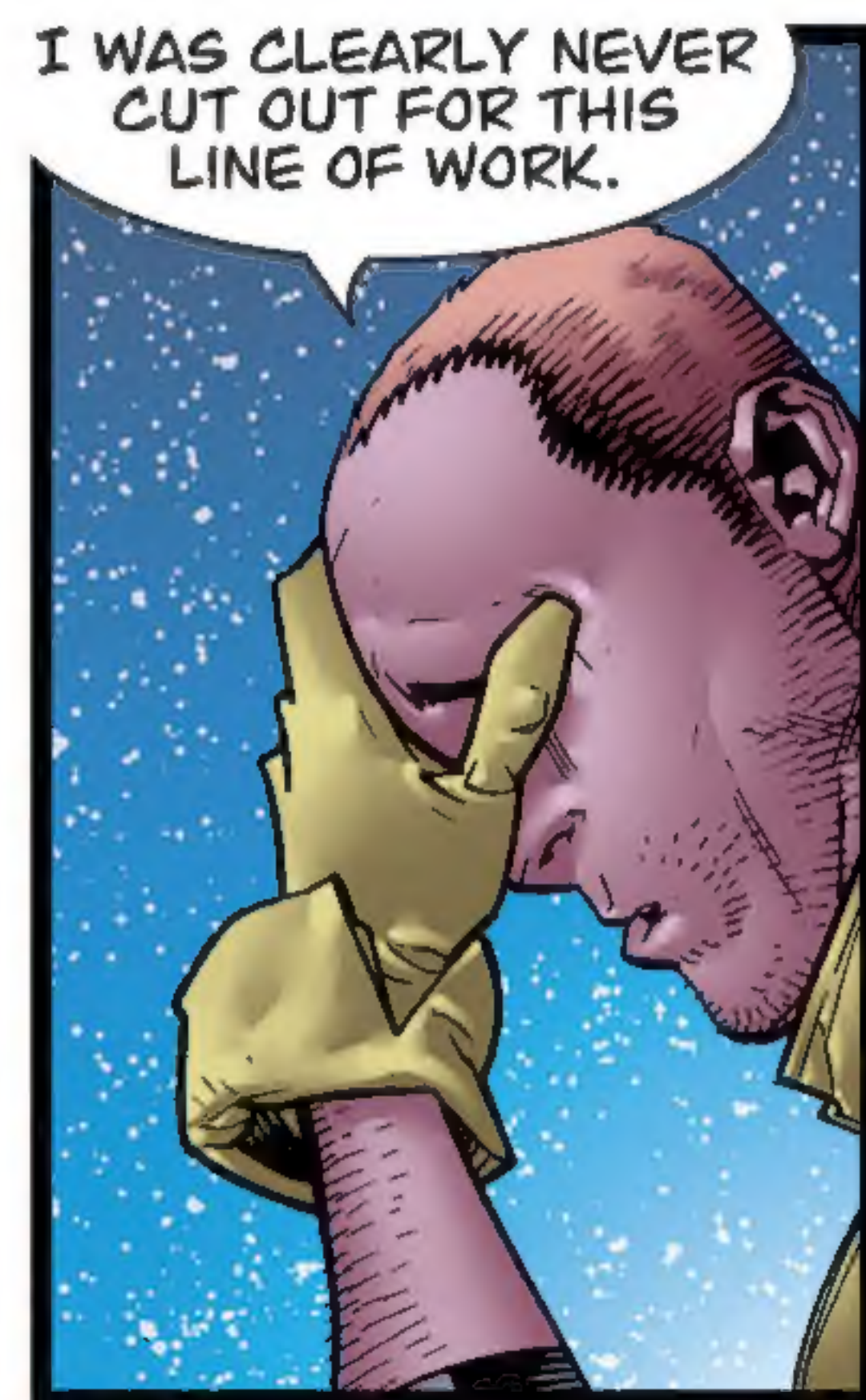
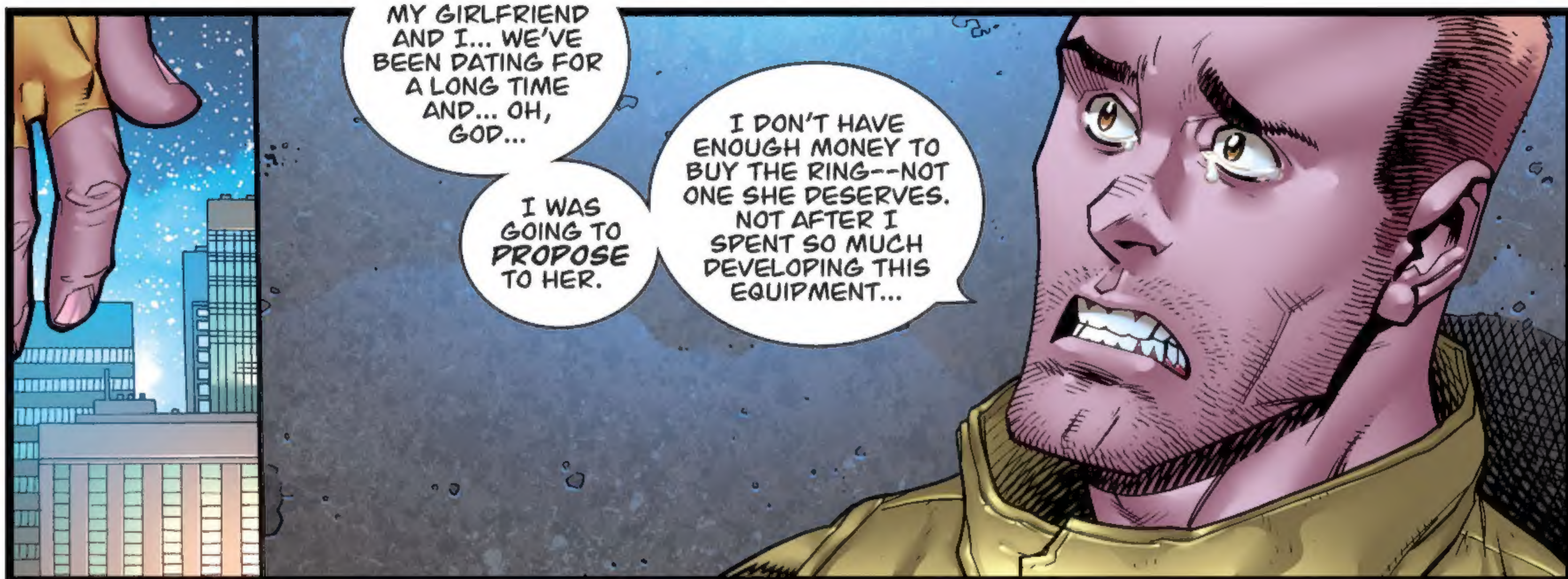
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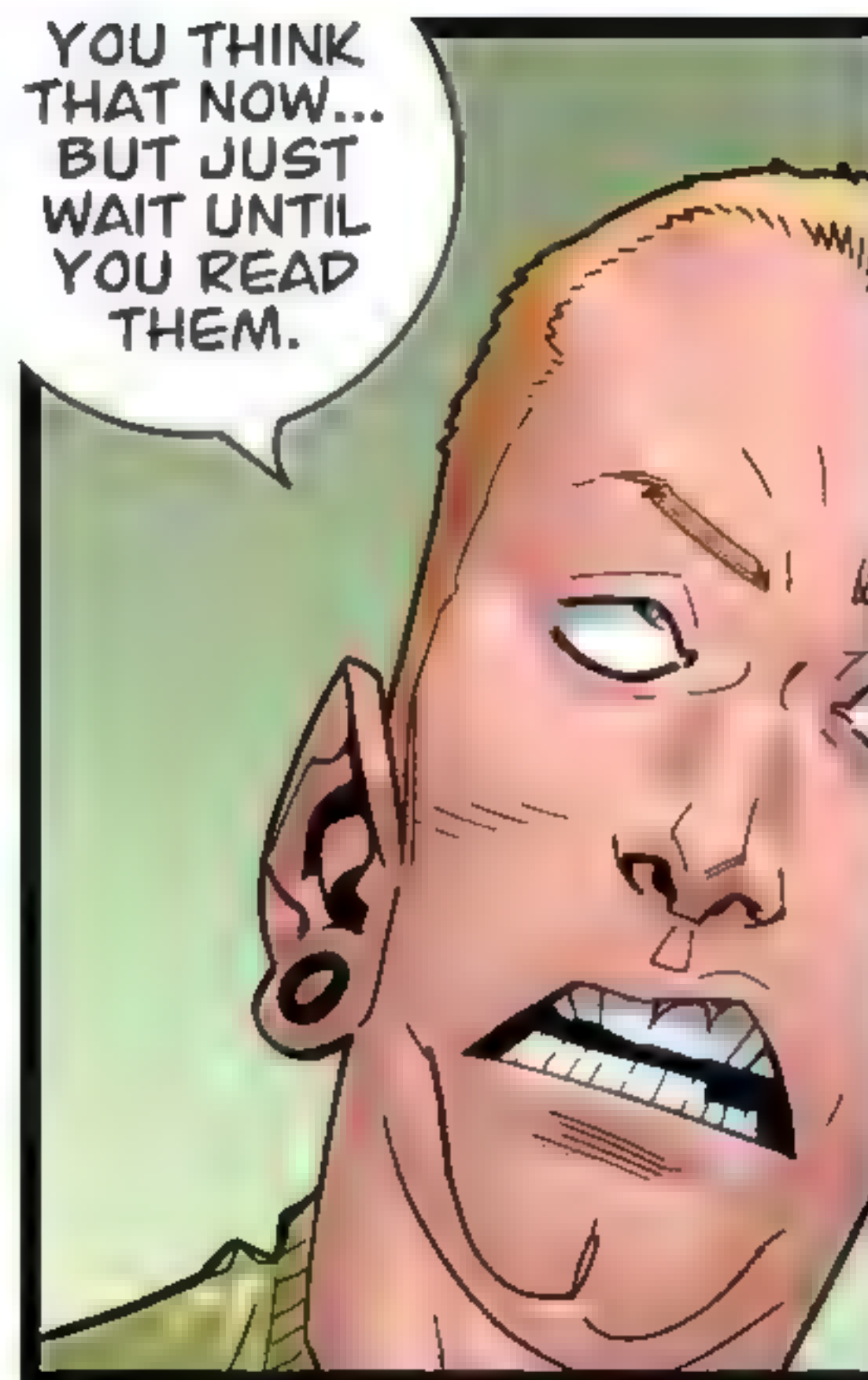
THIS IS JUST WEIRD, YOU'RE NOT EVEN FIGHTING BACK, YOU SEEM SO... REASONABLE.

WHY'D YOU DO IT? I'M CURIOUS.

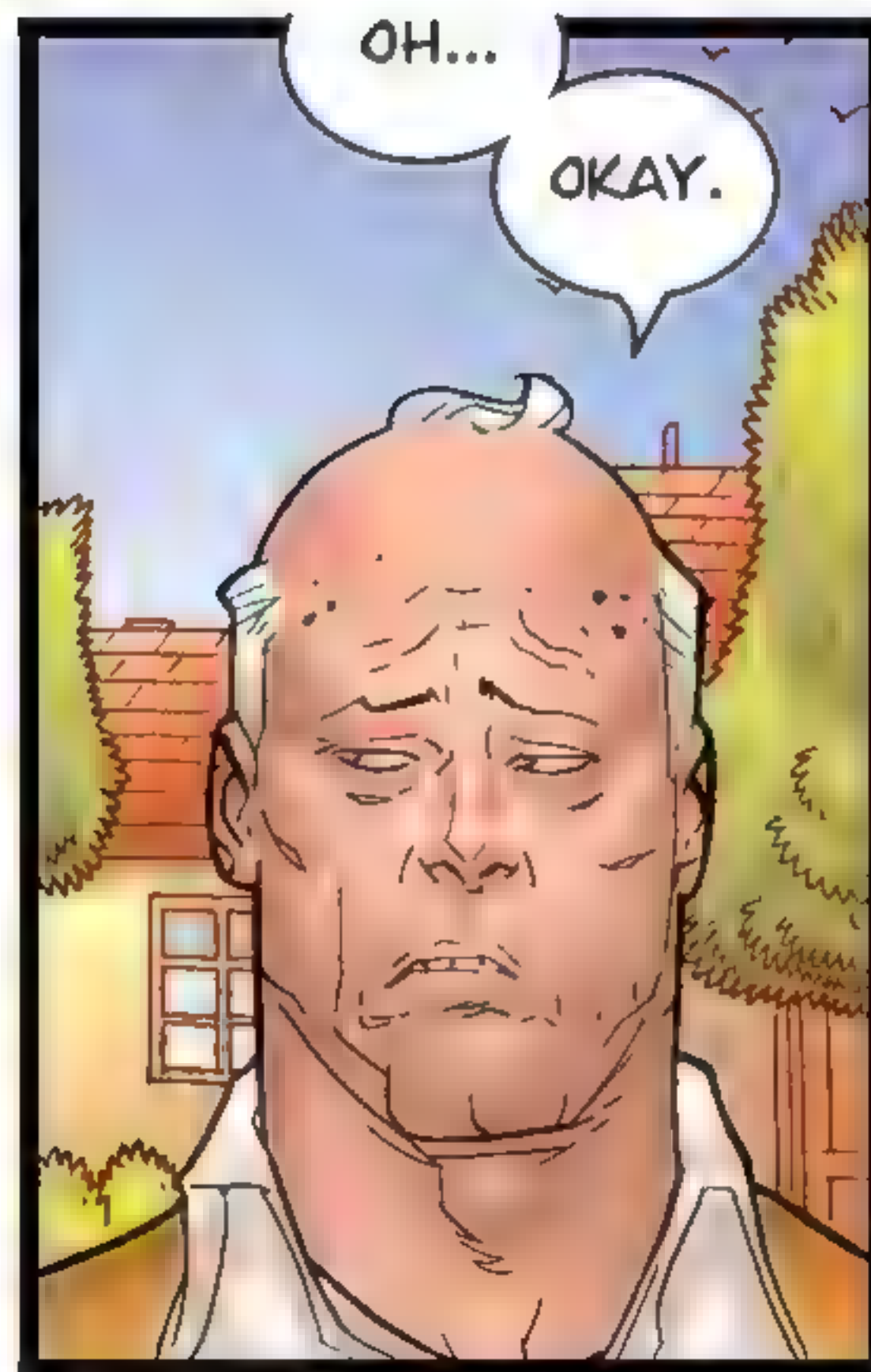
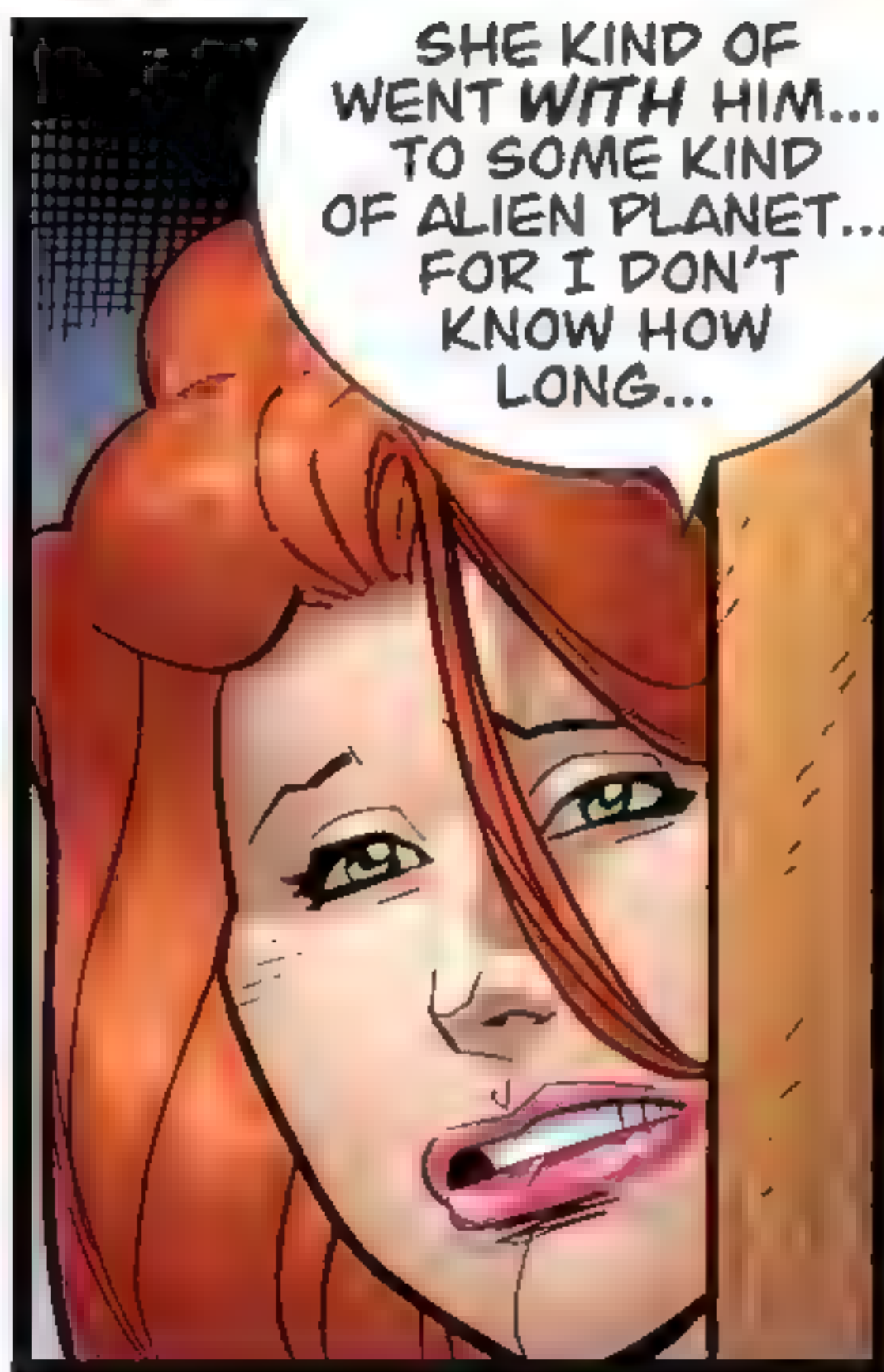
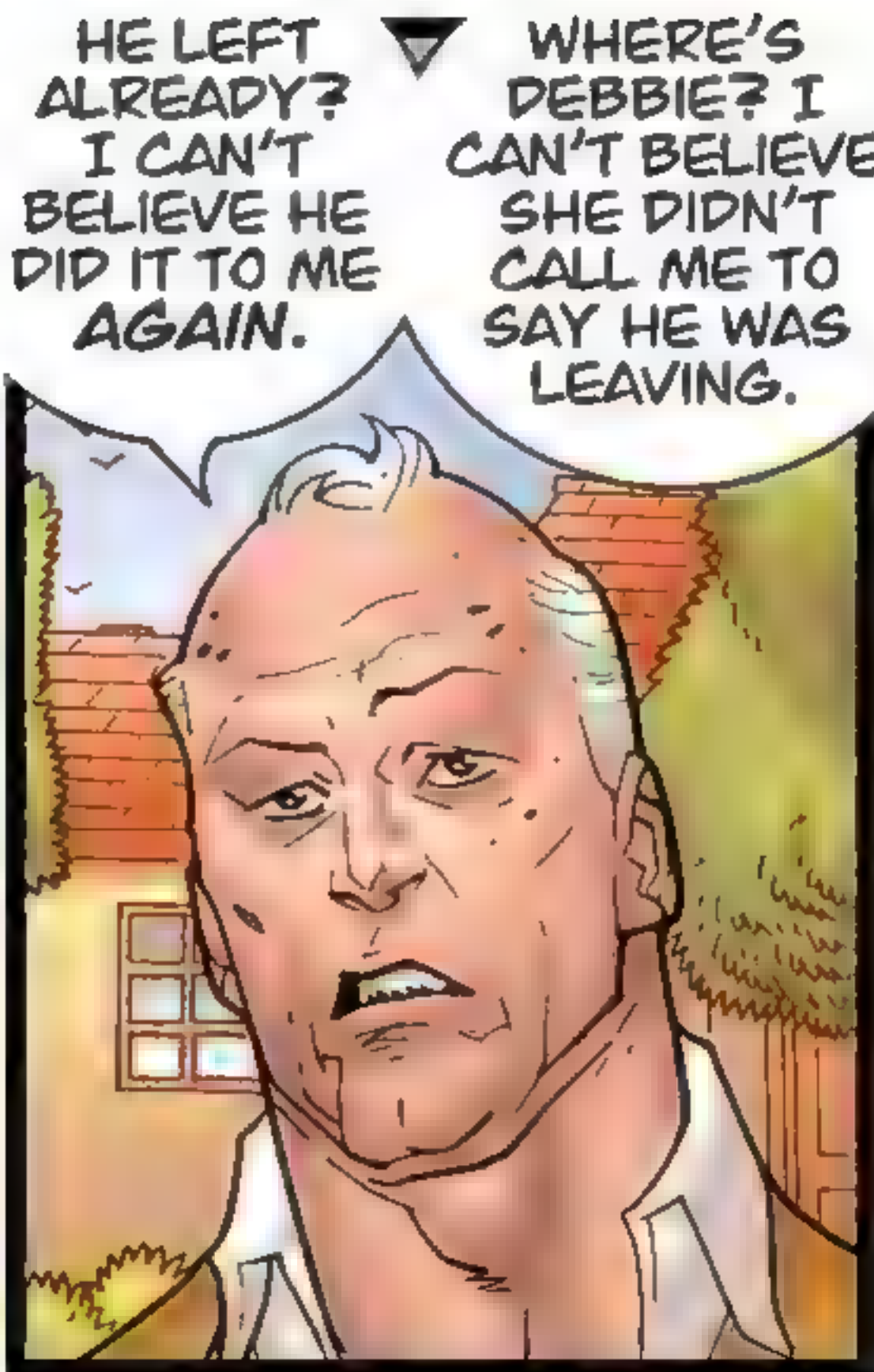
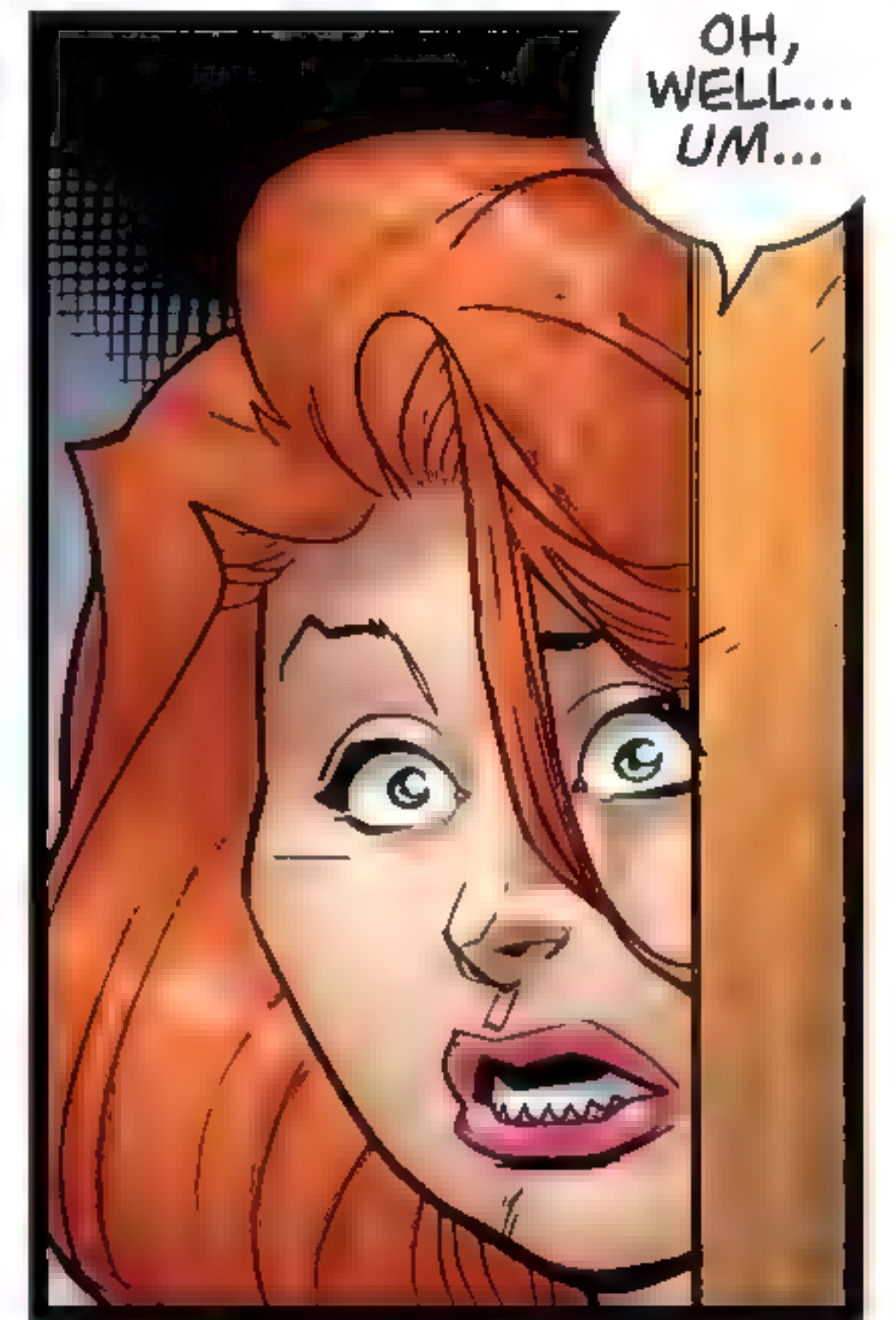
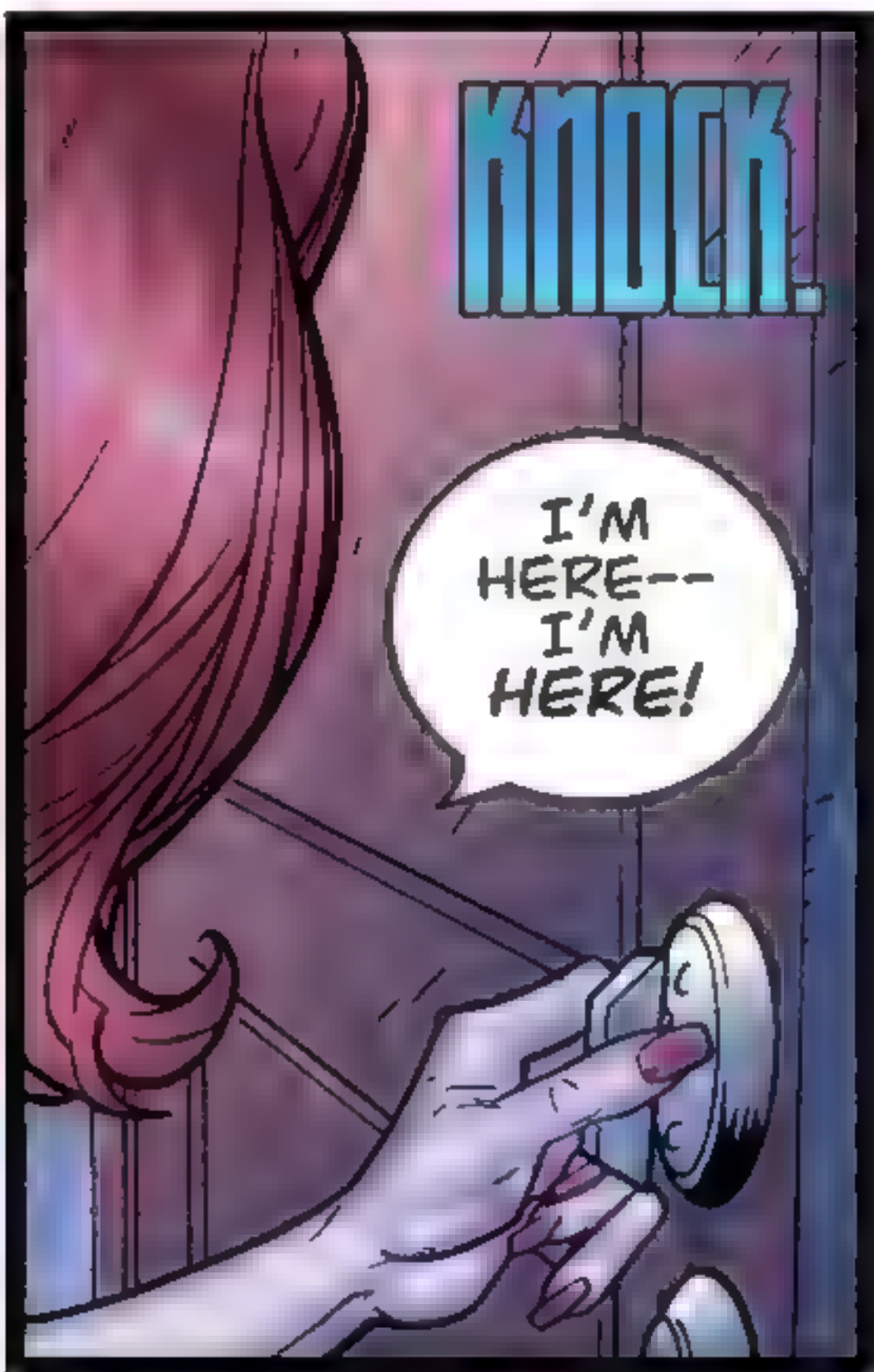
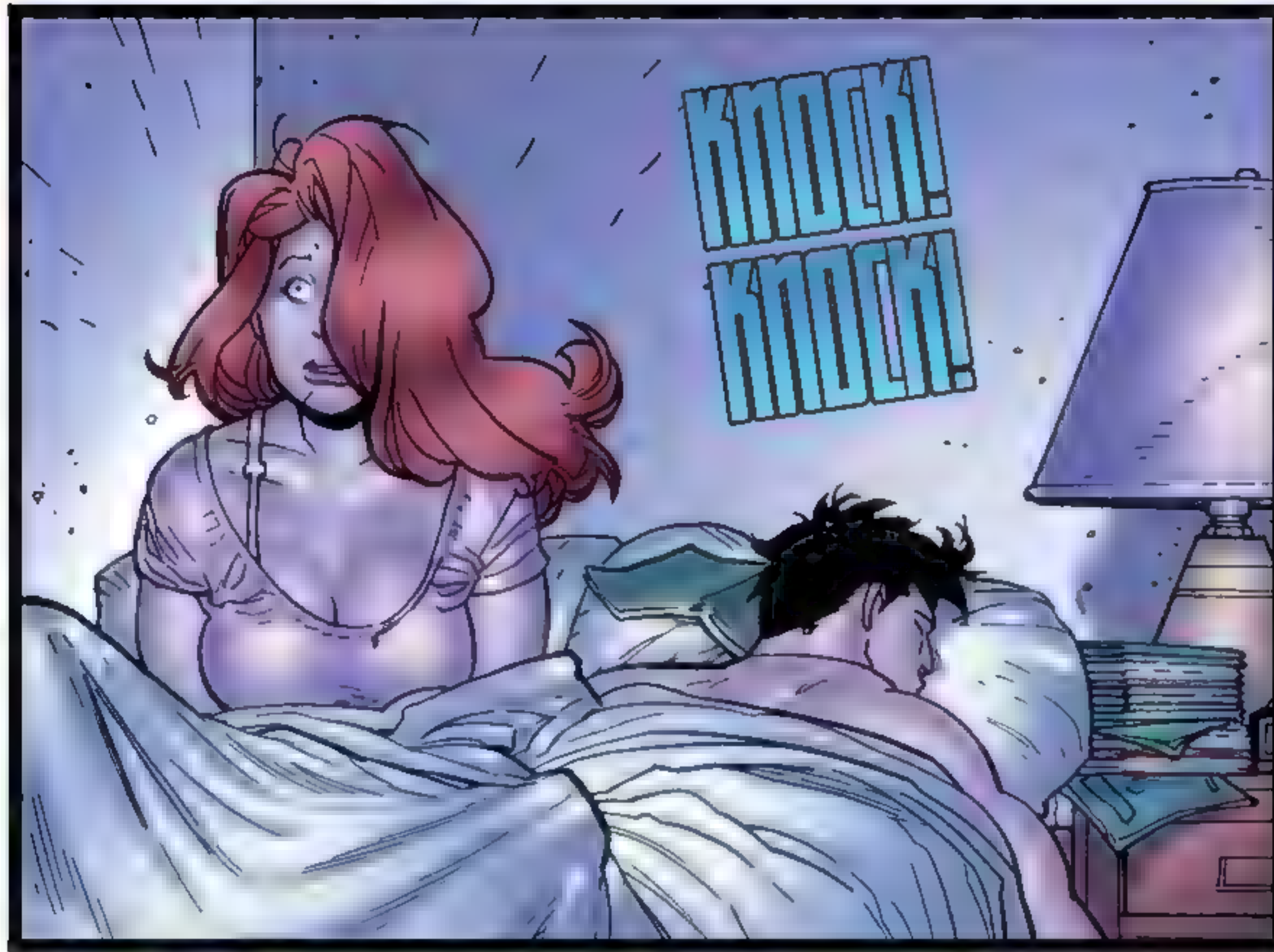




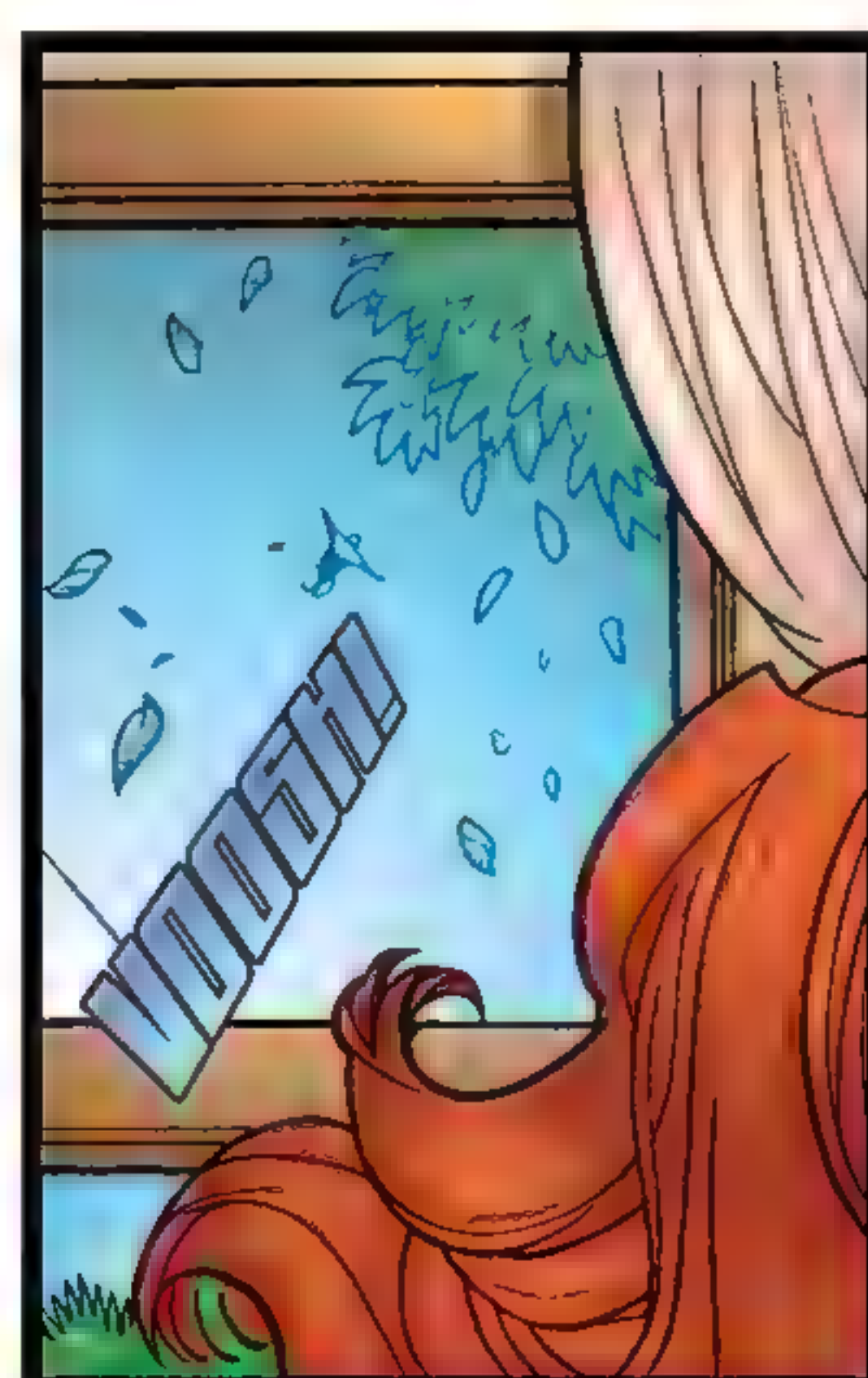
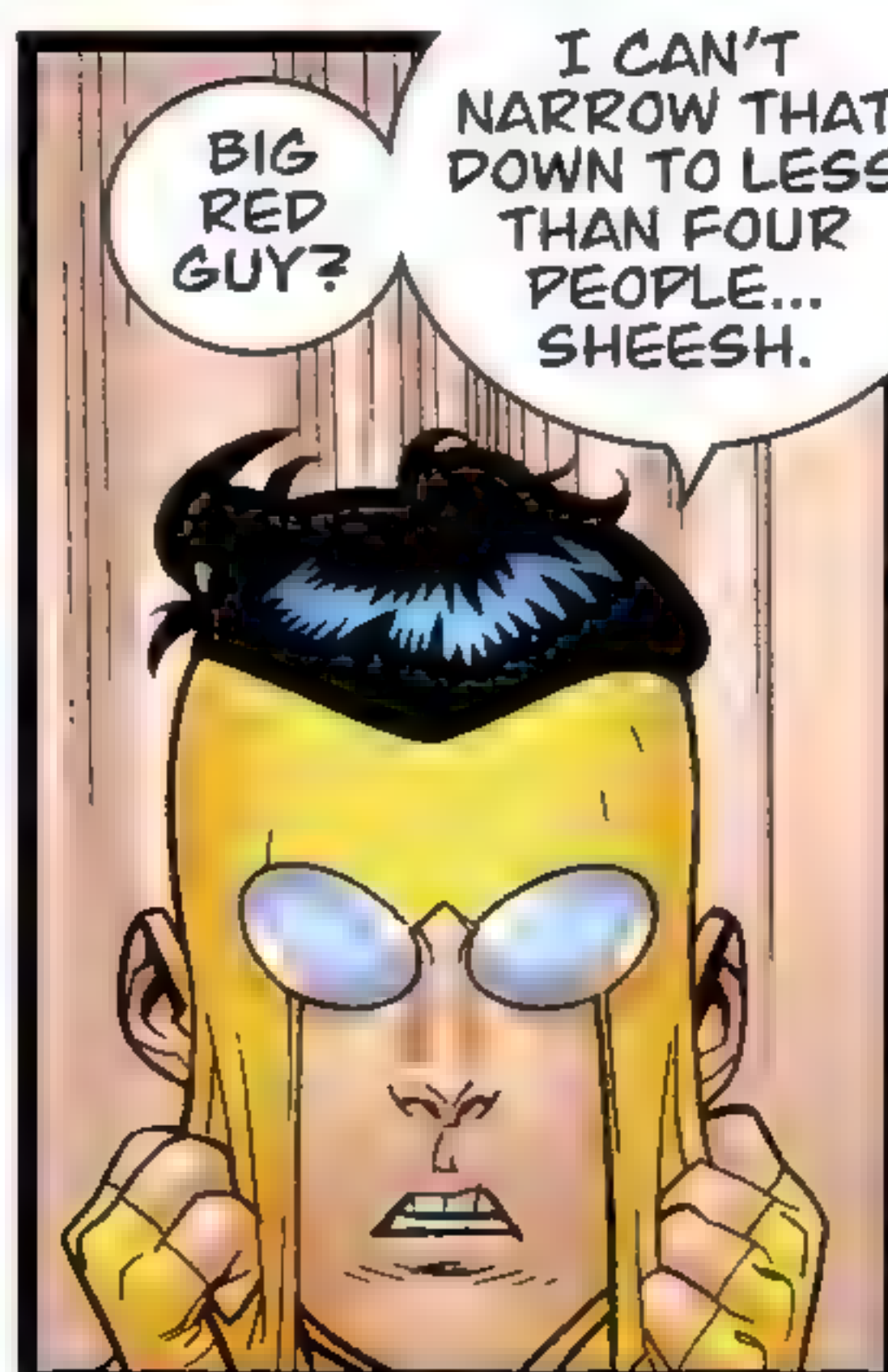
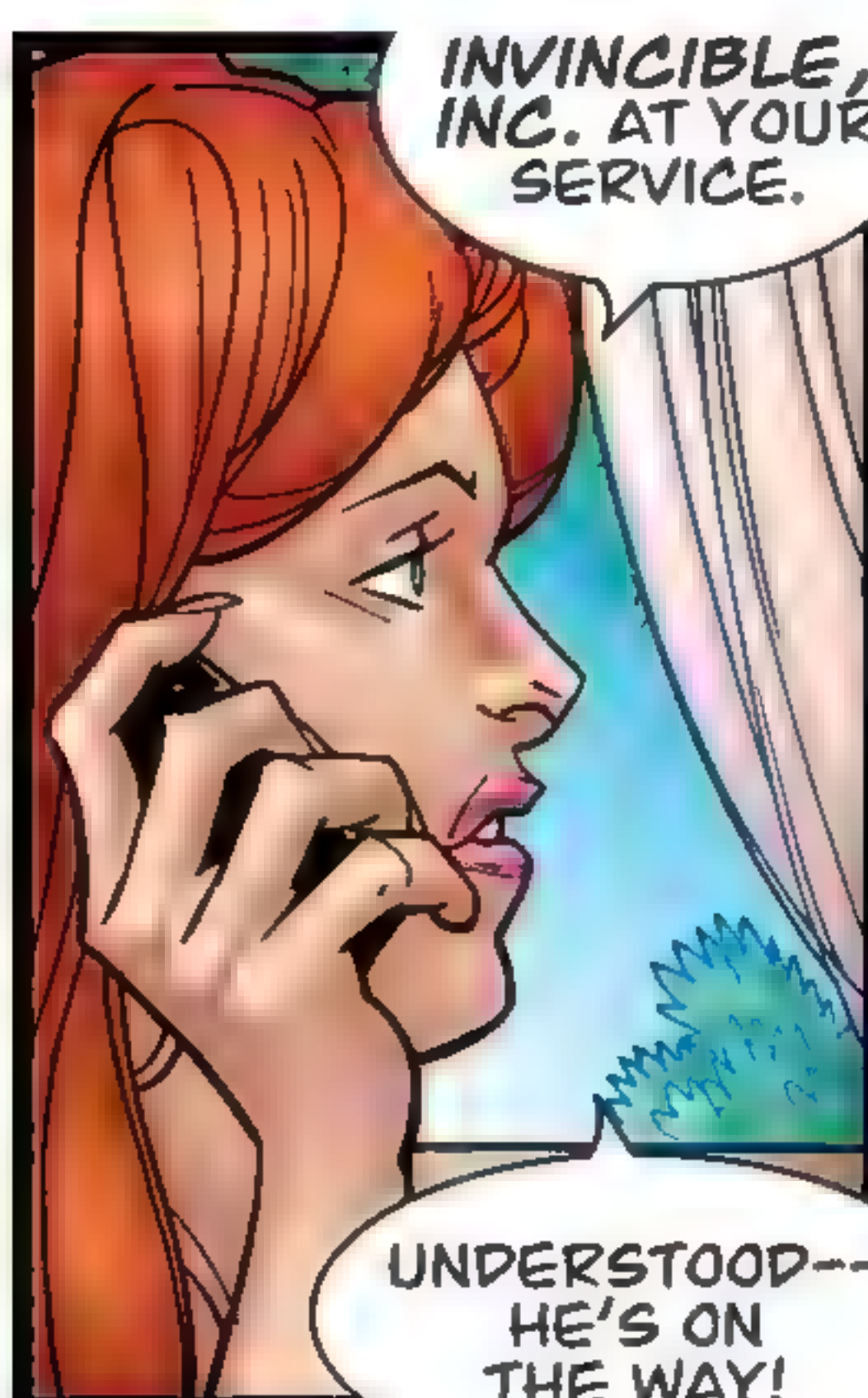
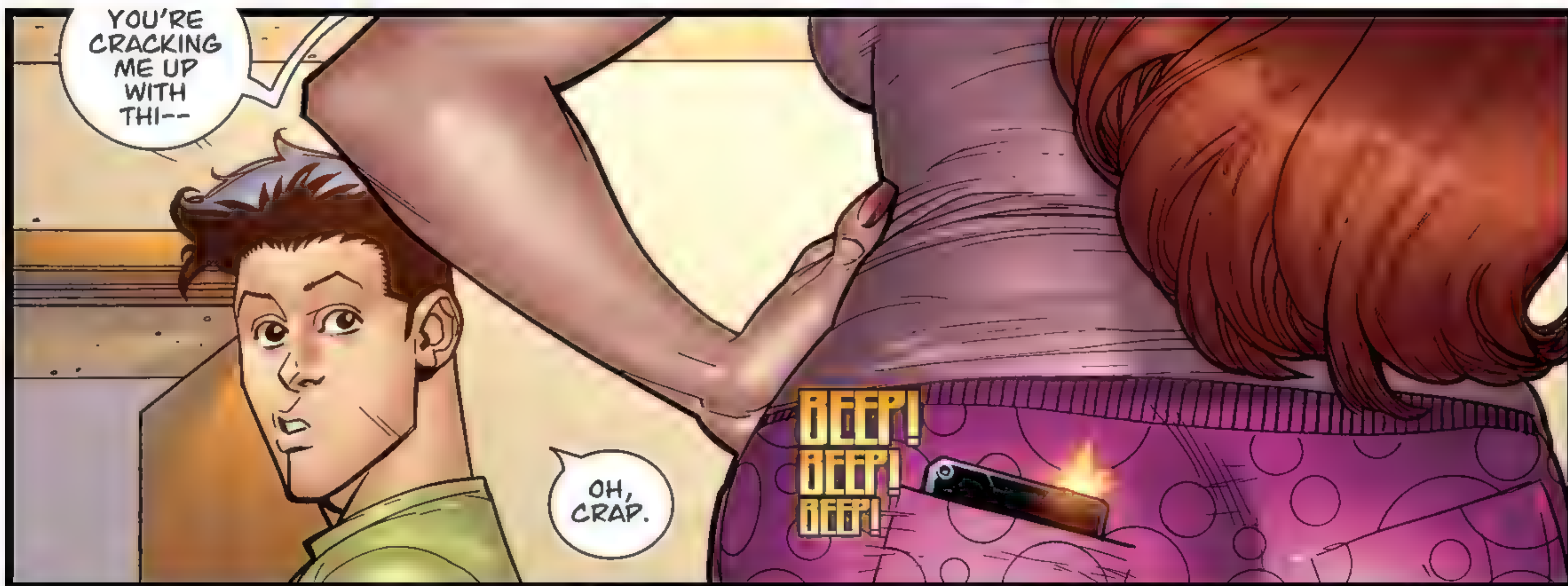
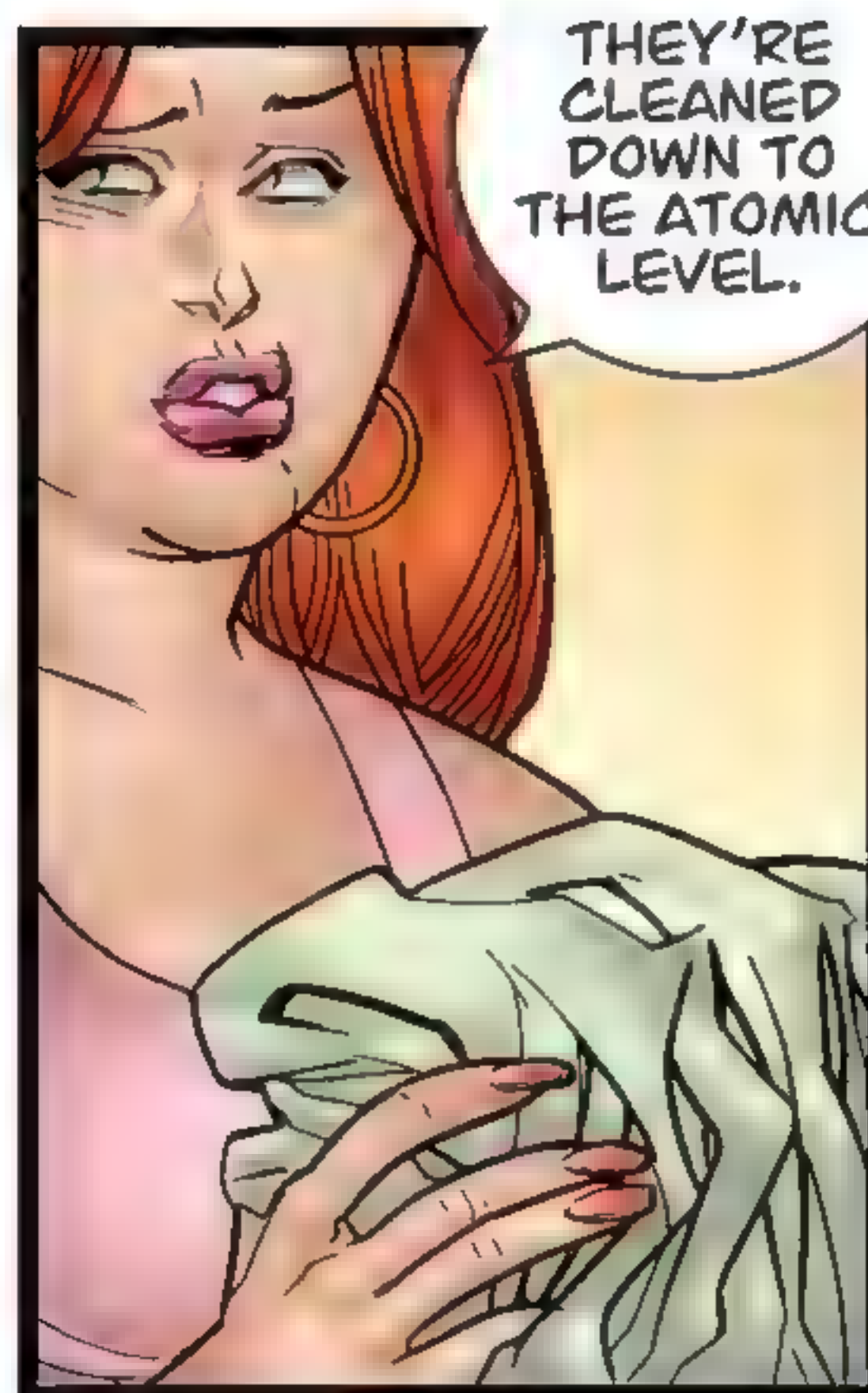
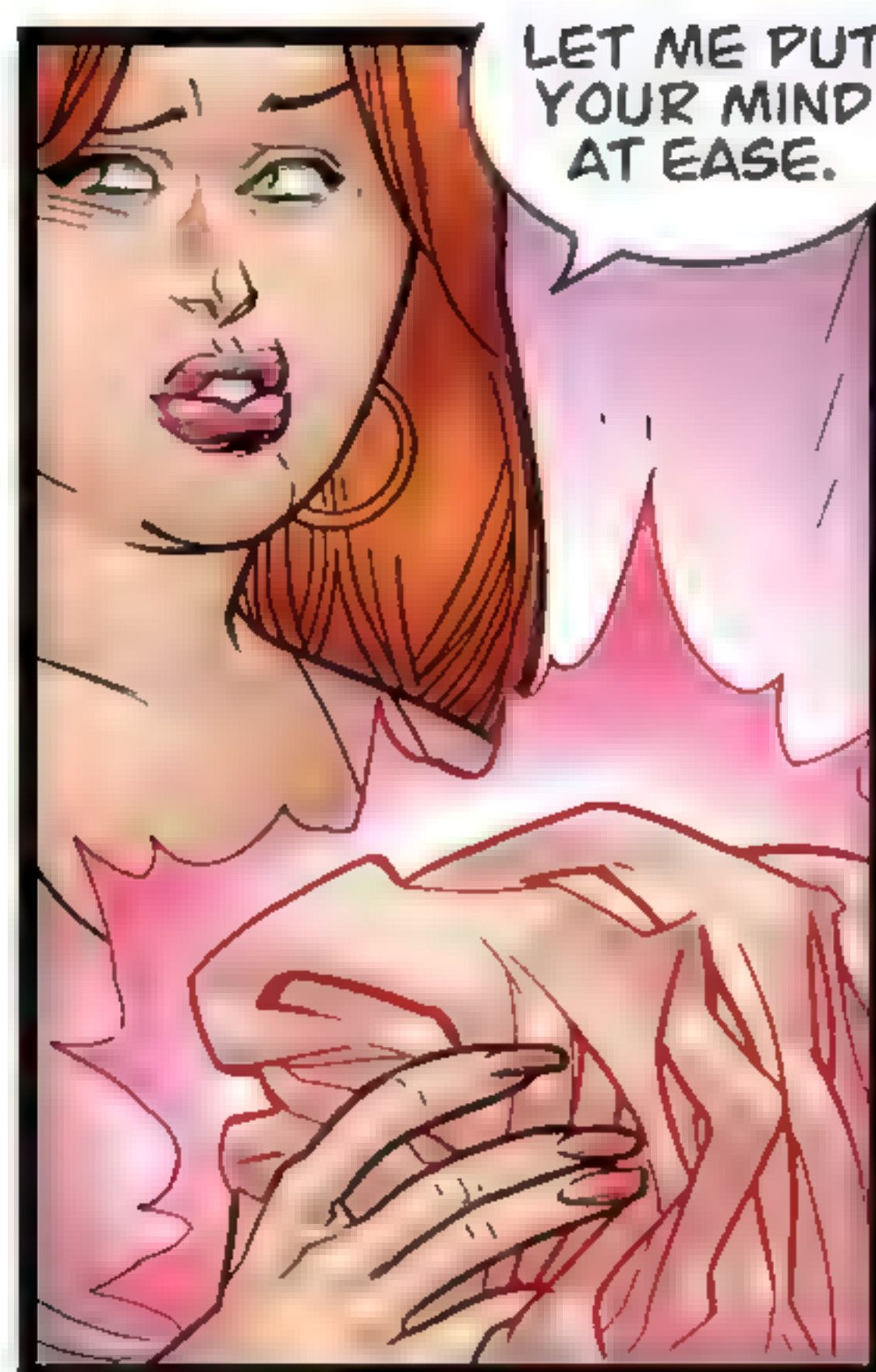
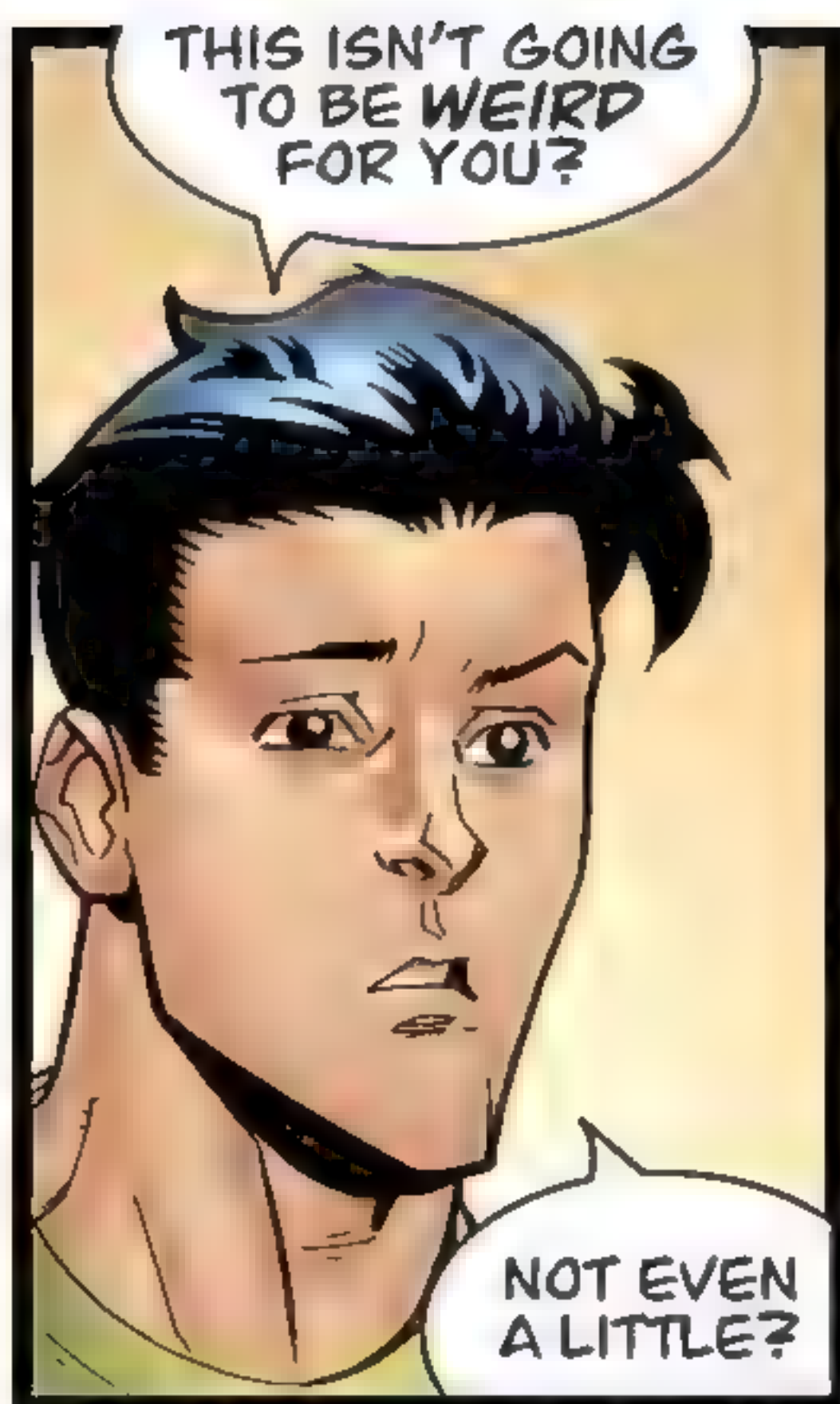
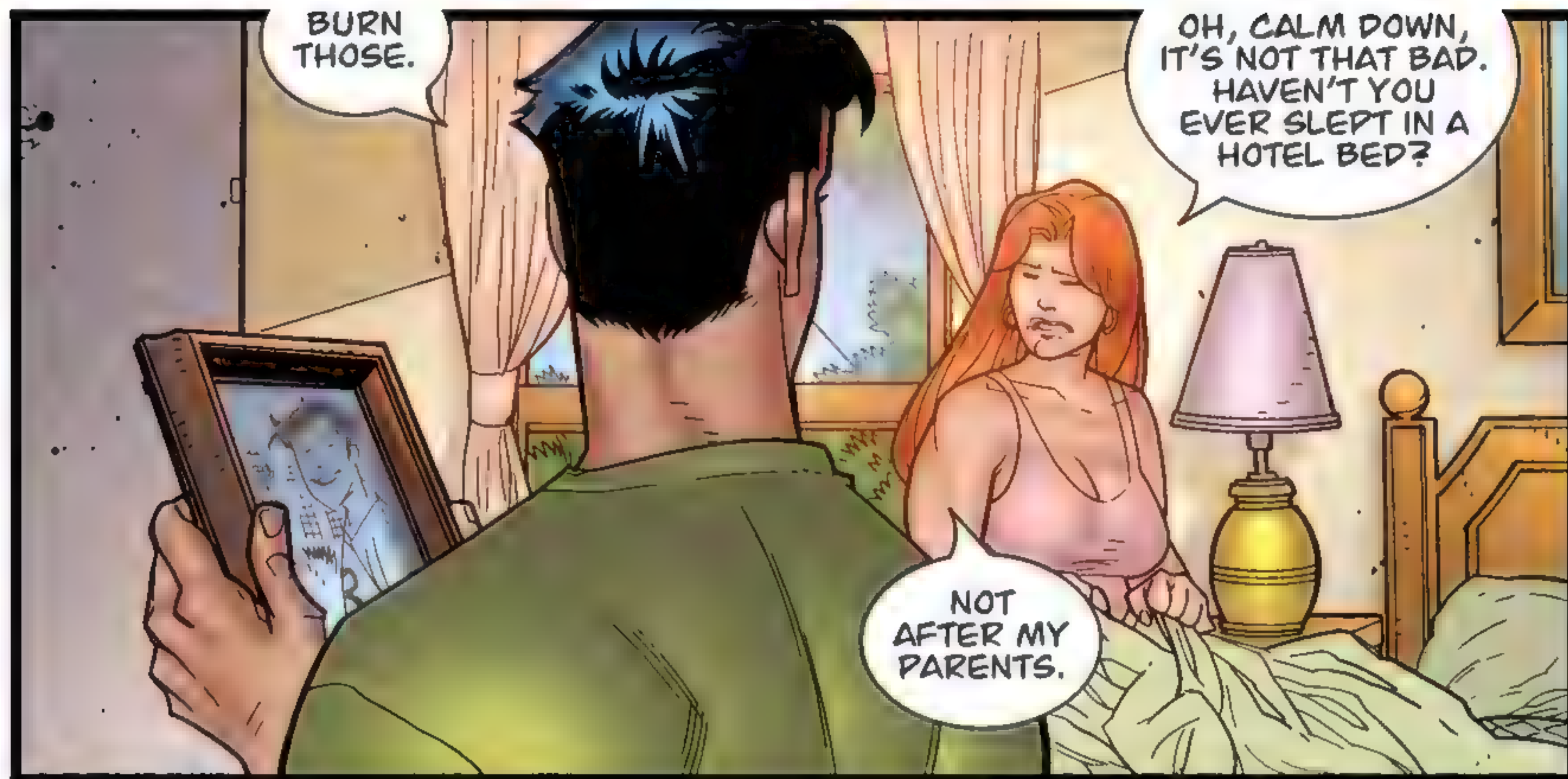
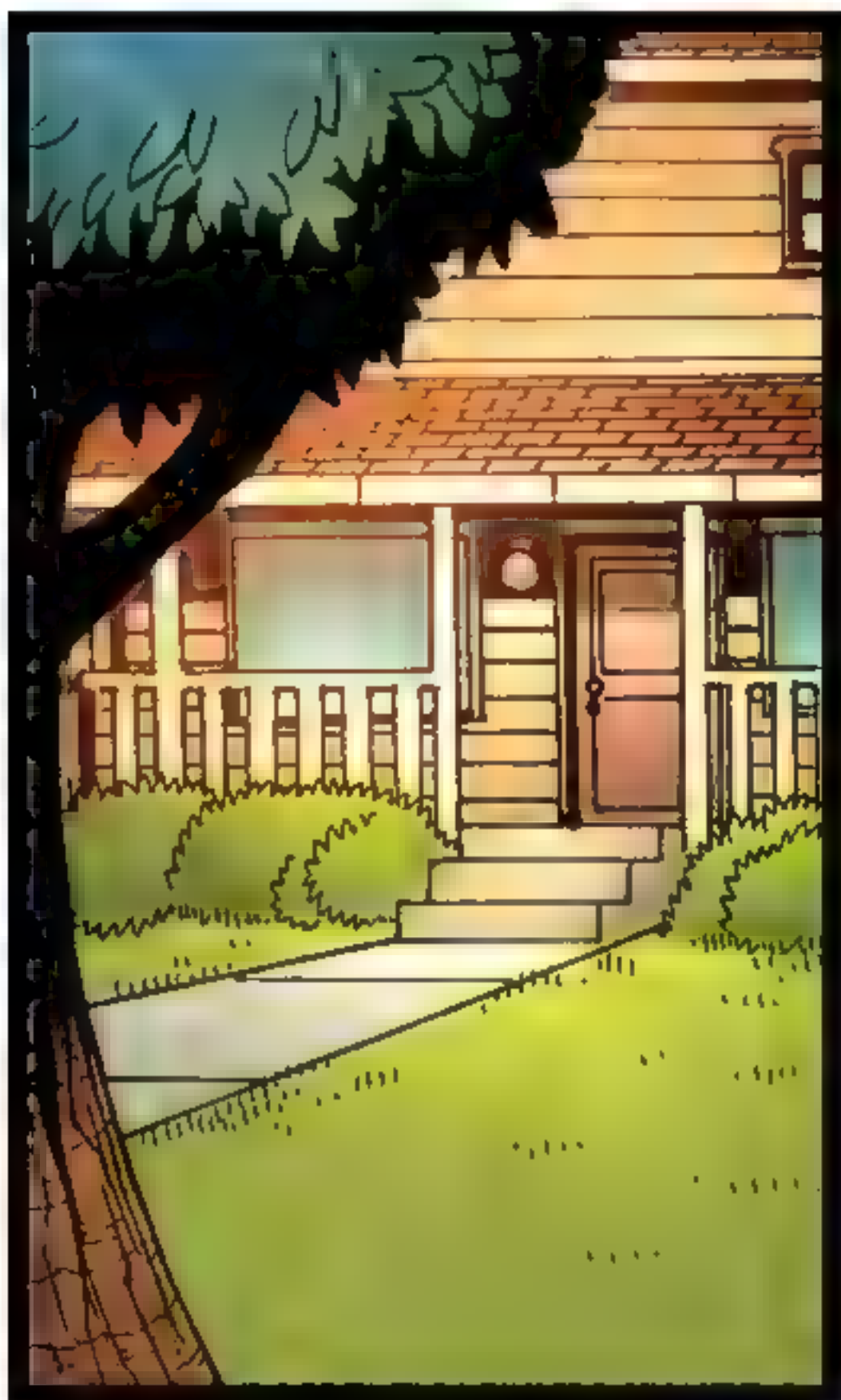














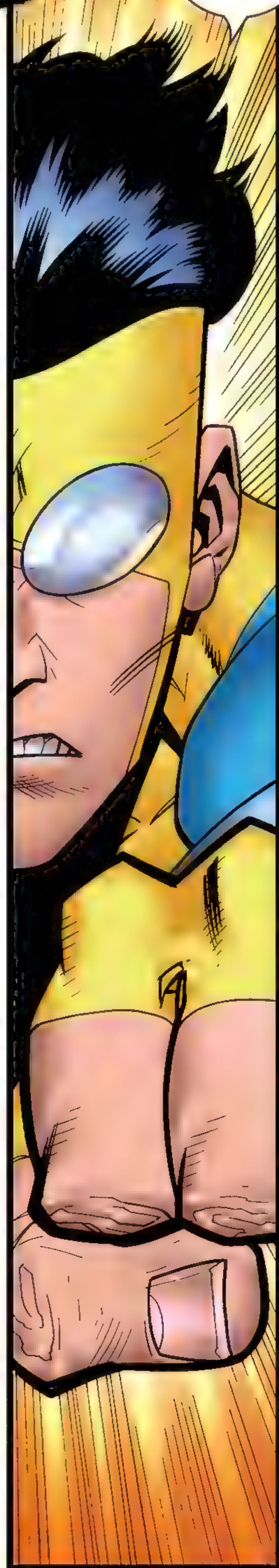


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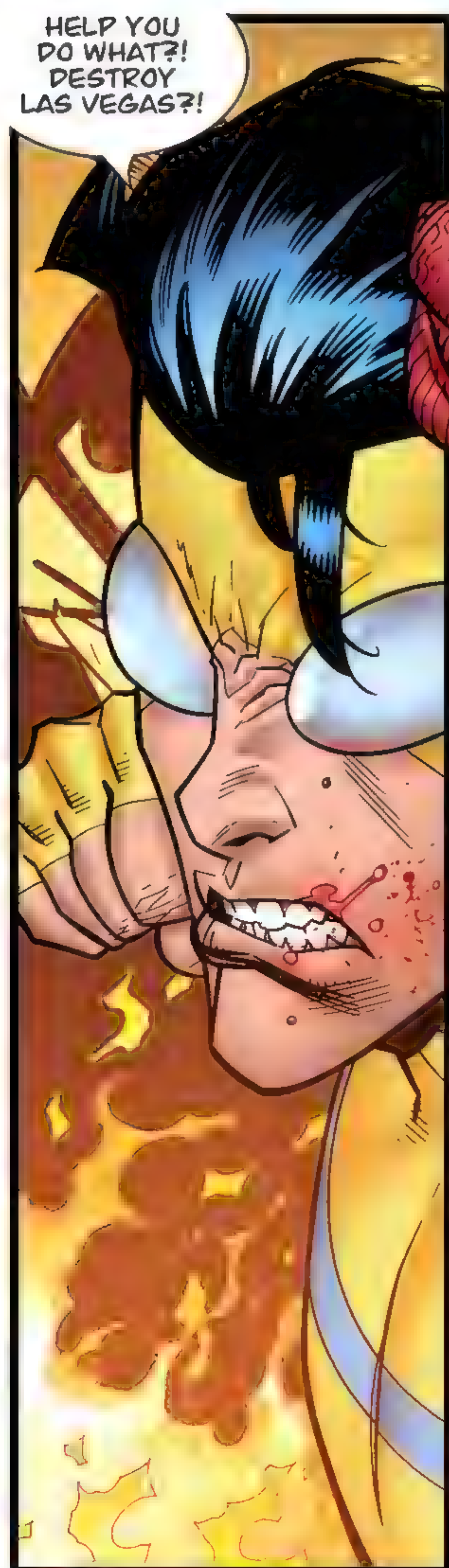
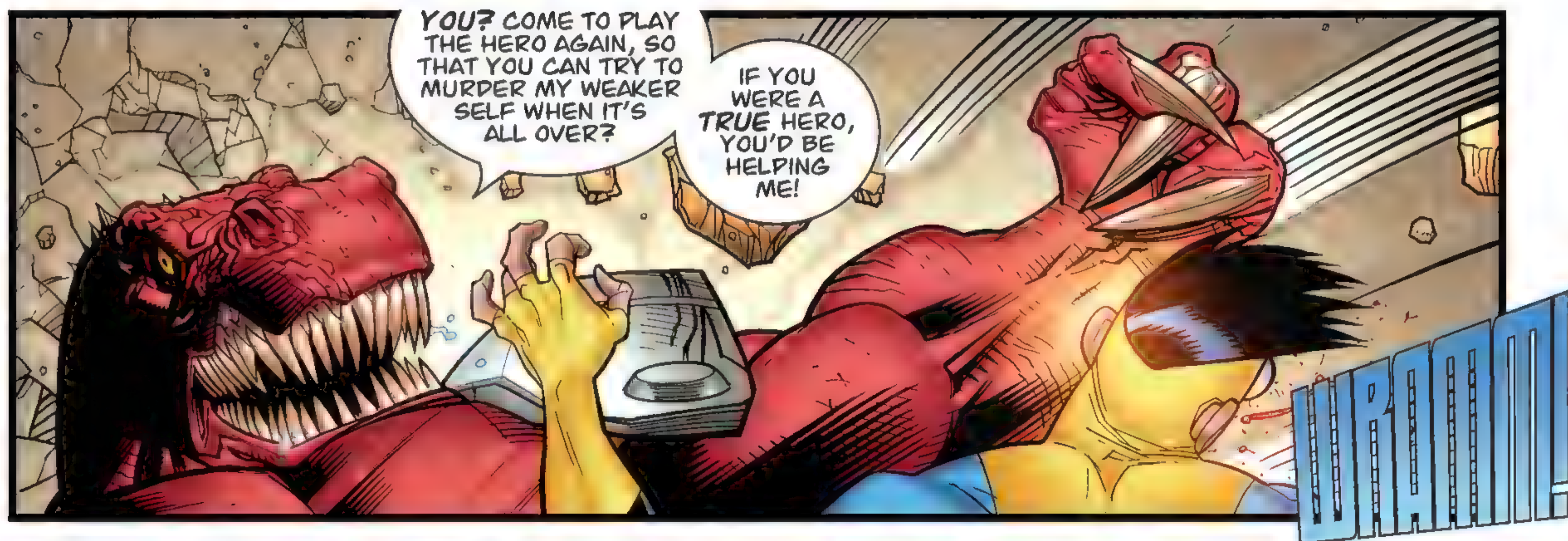
**RUN  
FOR YOUR  
LIVES!**

CAESARS  
PALACE

OH,  
THAT  
BIG RED  
GUY.





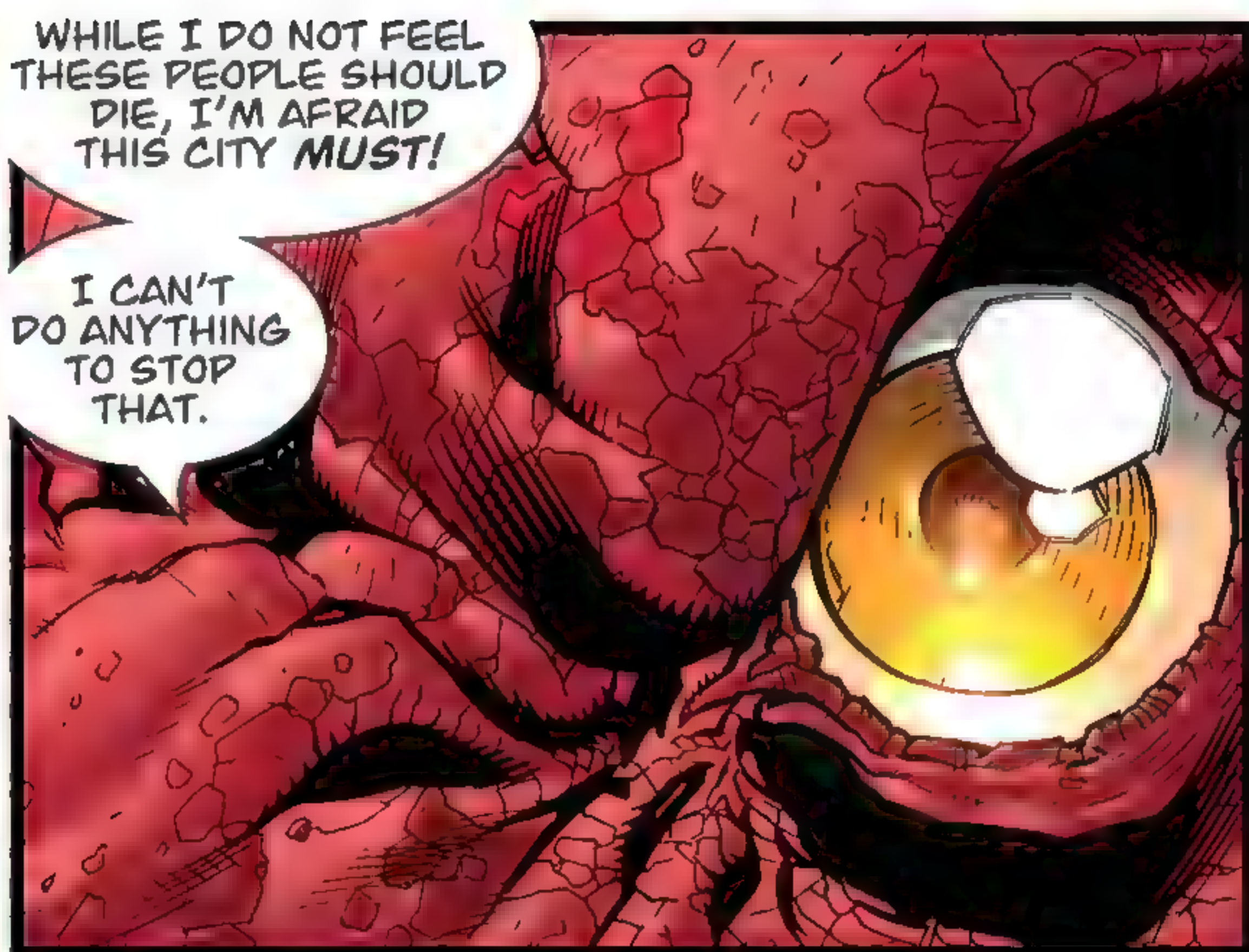






IF YOU DON'T WANT THESE PEOPLE TO DIE--TELL ME HOW THIS CITY IS BEING DESTROYED AND HELP ME STOP IT!

I'VE HEARD YOUR SPIEL-- YOU THINK YOU'RE REALLY HELPING PEOPLE, WELL... DO IT!



WHILE I DO NOT FEEL THESE PEOPLE SHOULD DIE, I'M AFRAID THIS CITY *MUST*!

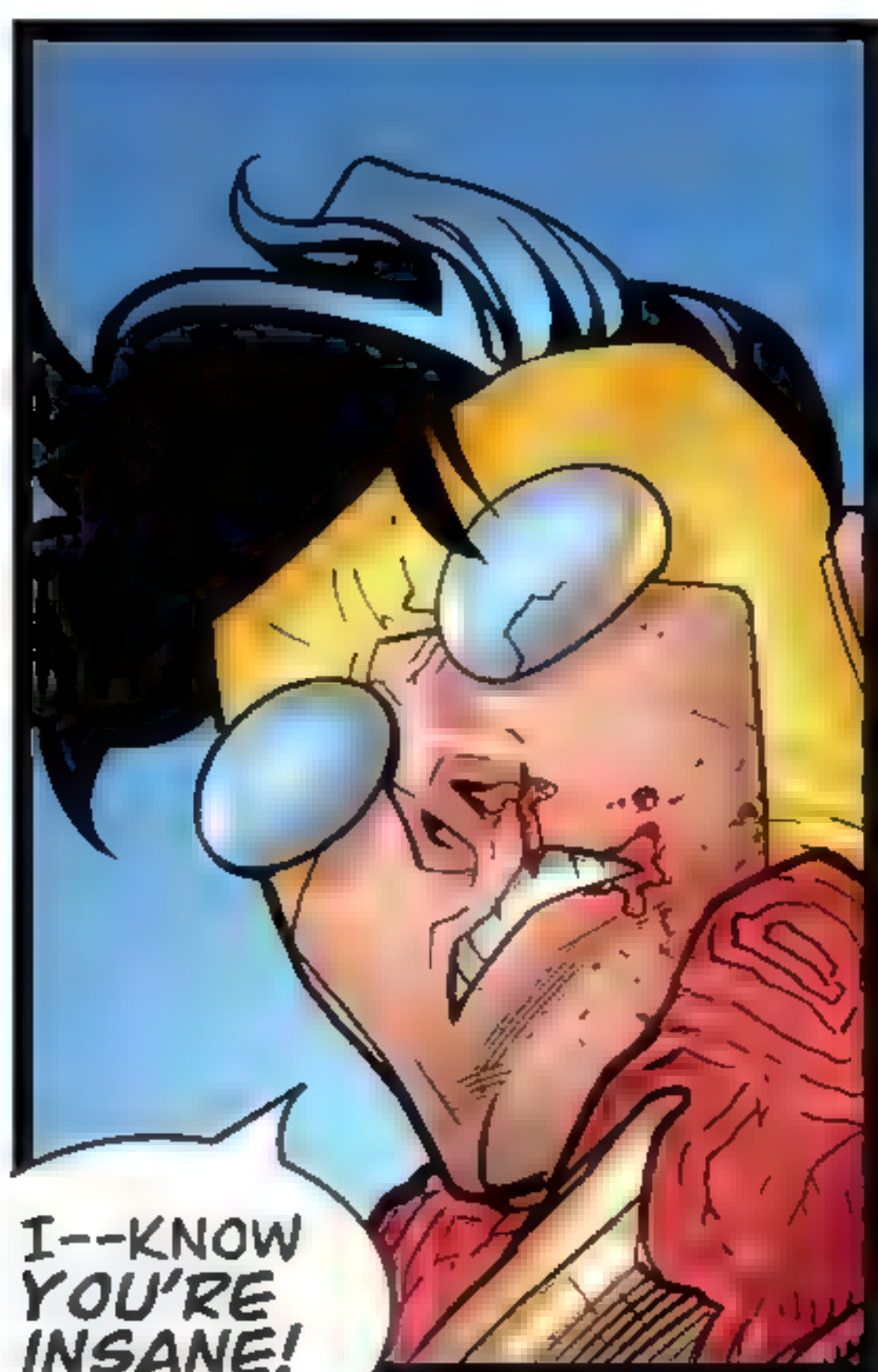
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP THAT.



THIS CITY IS A DRAIN ON NATURAL RESOURCES OF EPIC PROPORTIONS. THE COLORADO RIVER WILL SOON DRY UP. THIS REGION CAN'T SUSTAIN ITSELF.

FURTHERMORE-- IF IT WERE DESTROYED, THE AREA WOULD BE IDEAL FOR A SOLAR POWER STATION LARGE ENOUGH TO POWER THIS COUNTRY WITH CLEAN ENERGY, FREEING IT FROM THE BURDEN OF FOSSIL FUELS.

YOU MAY TRY TO FIGHT ME--BUT DEEP DOWN, I KNOW YOU KNOW I'M RIGHT.

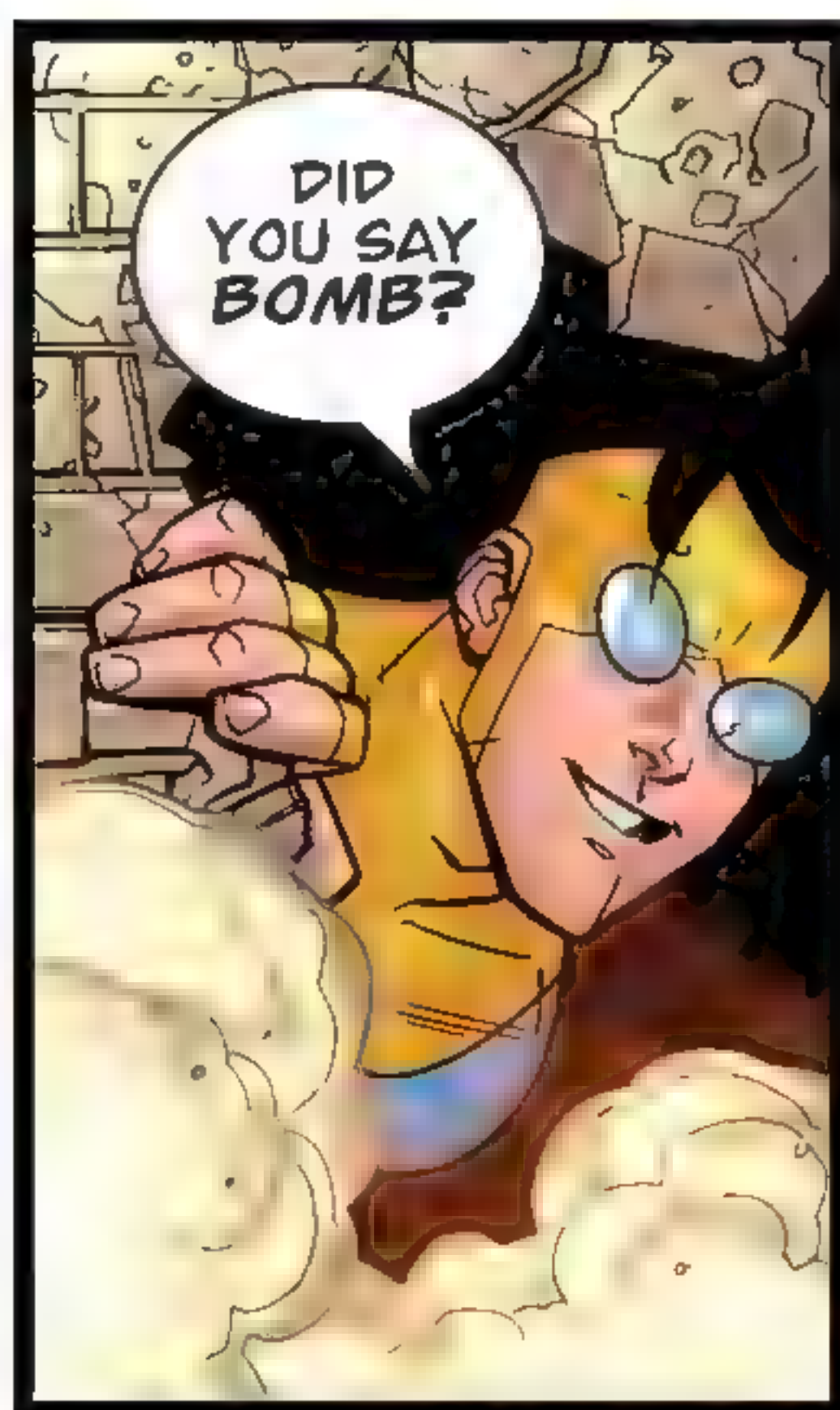


I--KNOW YOU'RE INSANE!



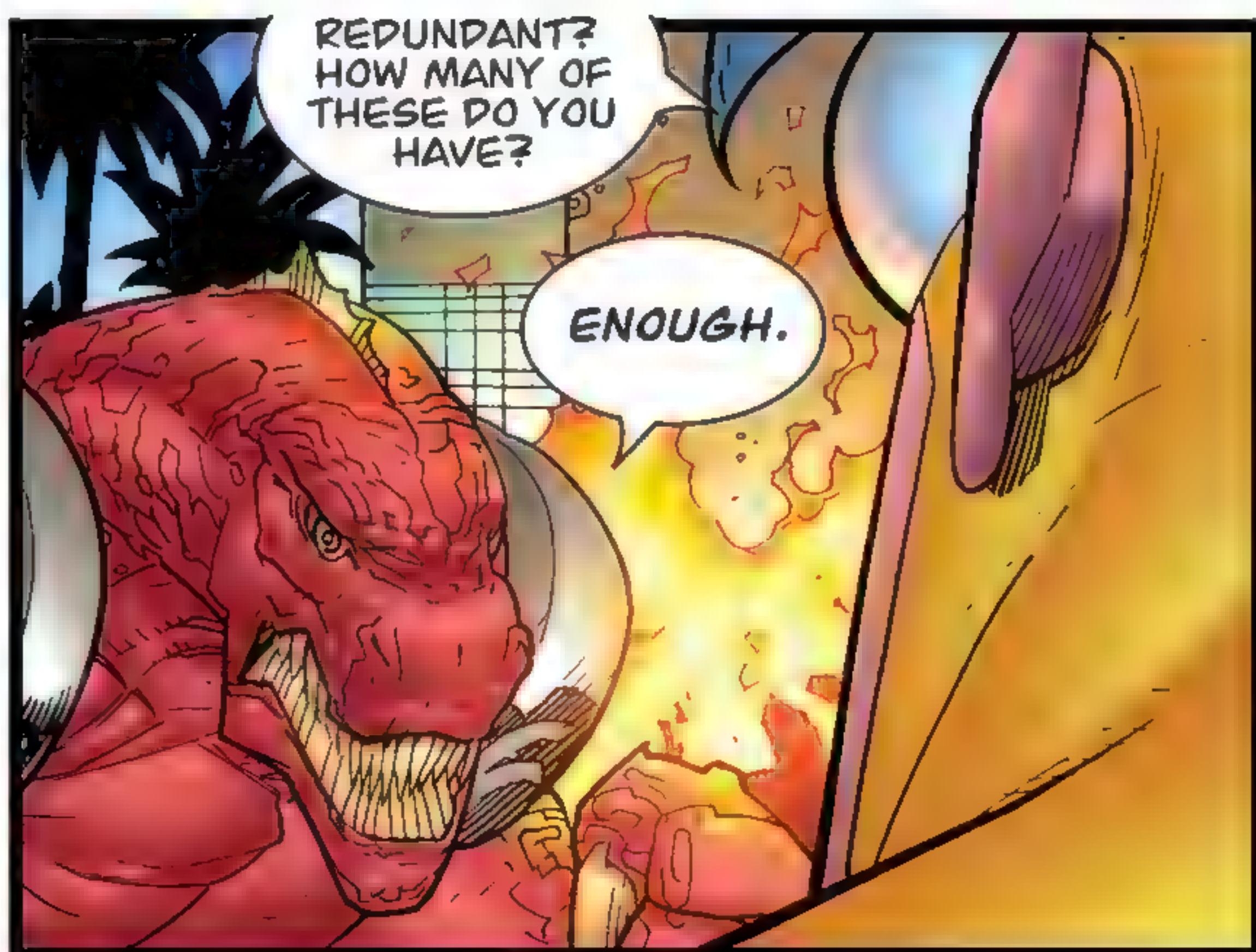
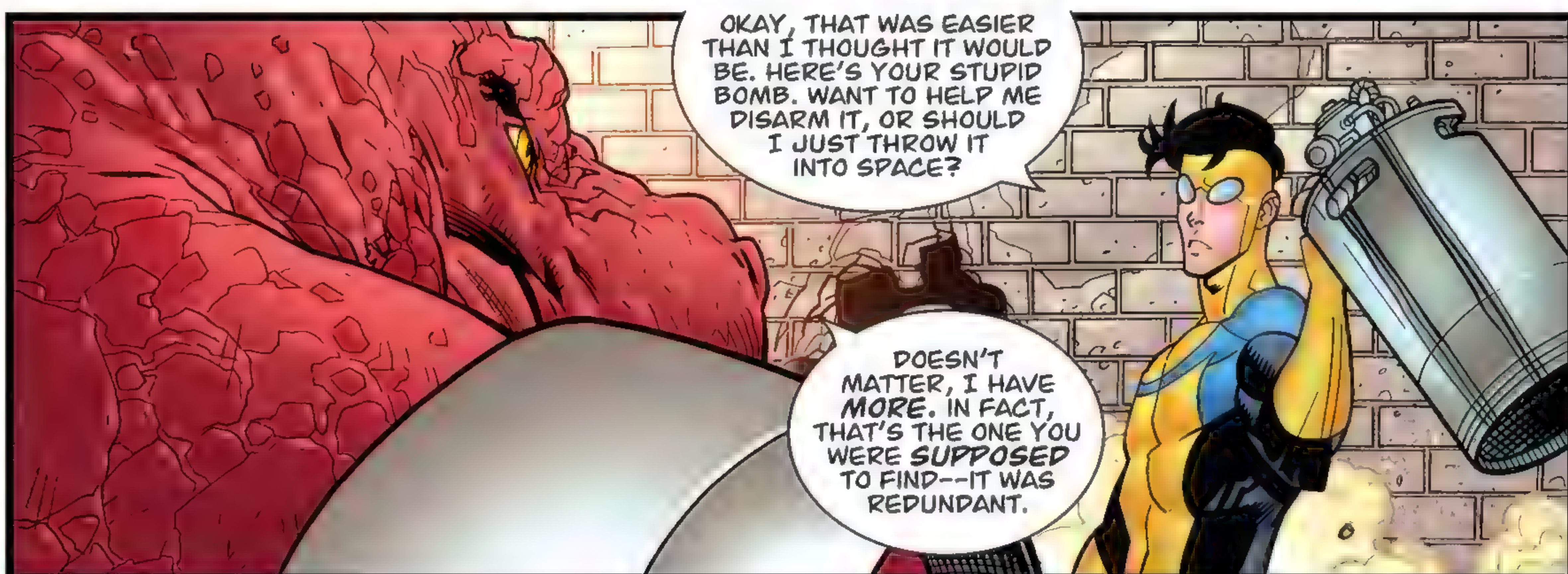
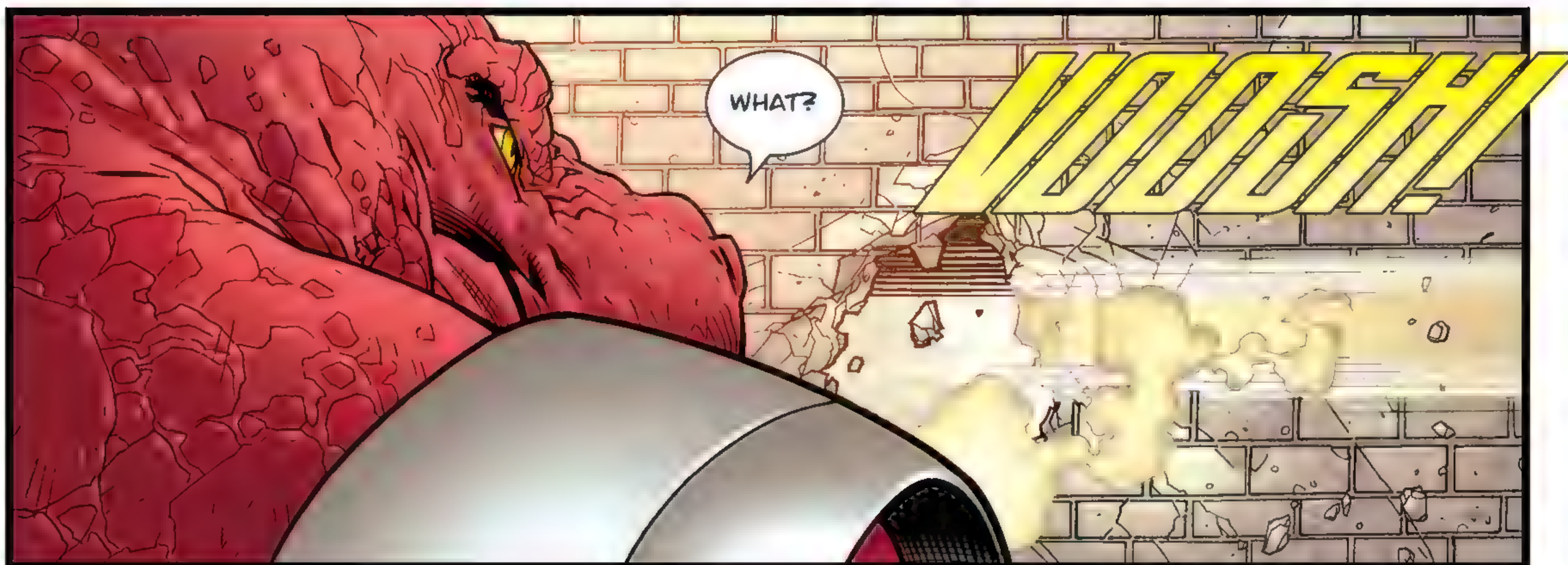
IT DOESN'T MATTER, NOTHING DOES.

IT'S TOO LATE, MY BOMB--



DID YOU SAY BOMB?

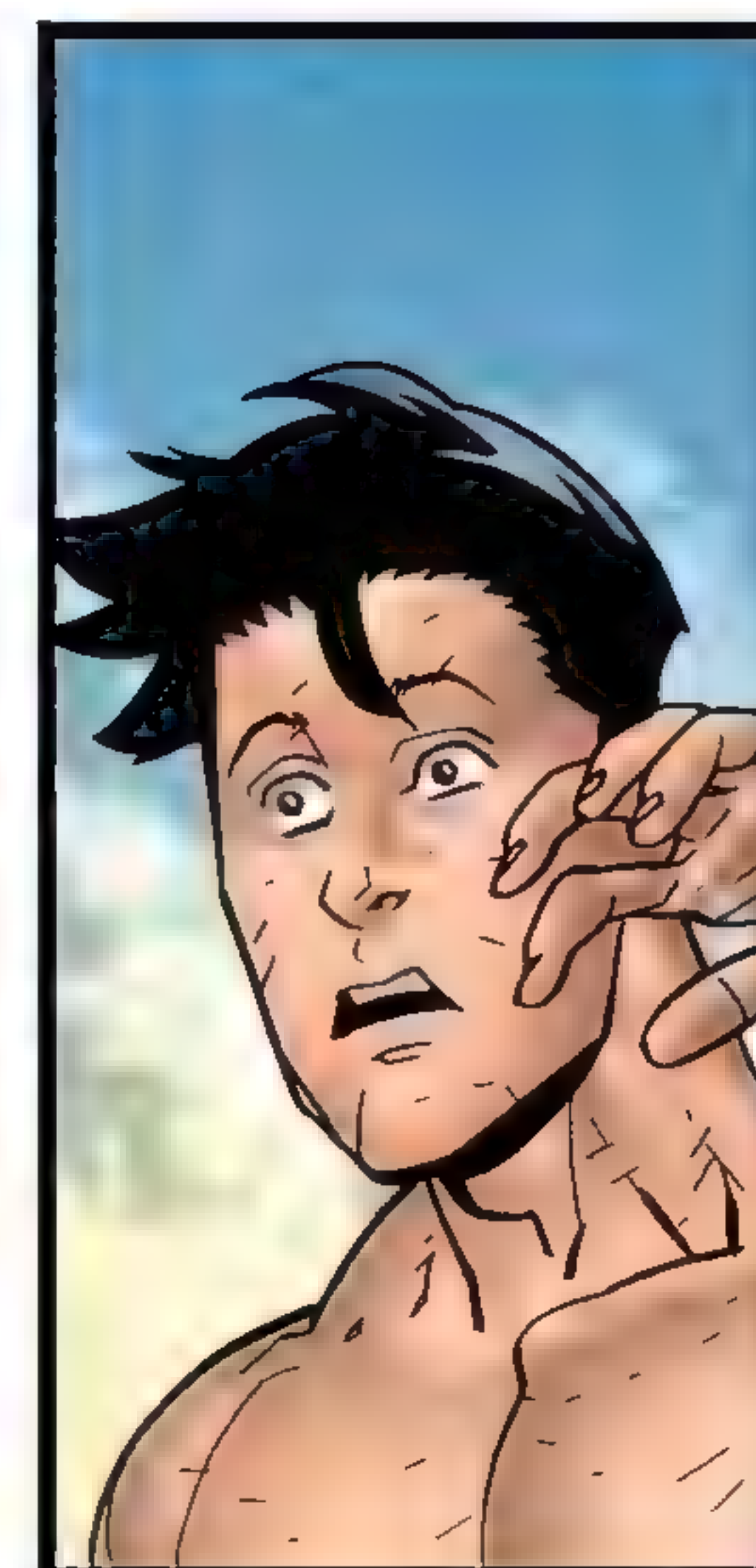
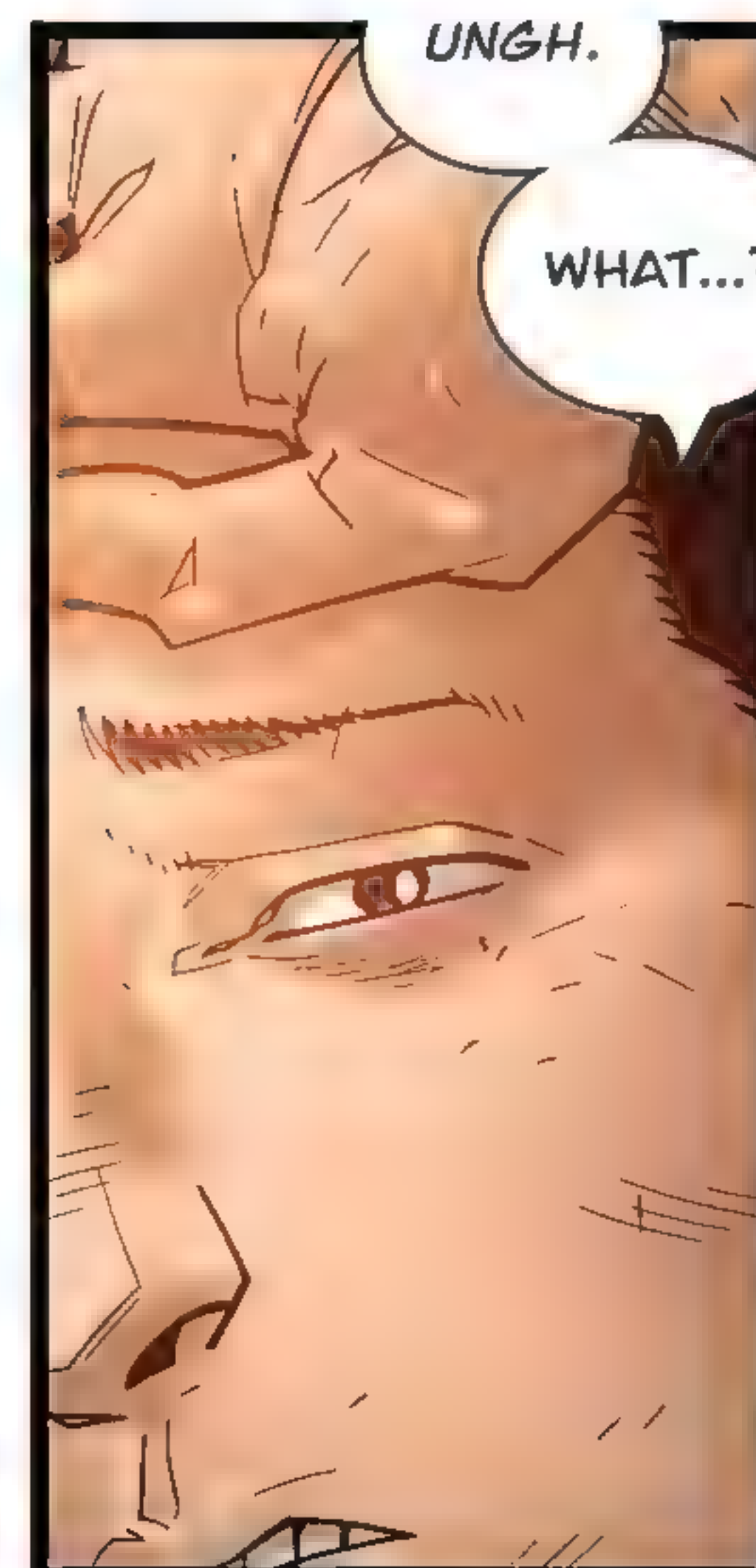
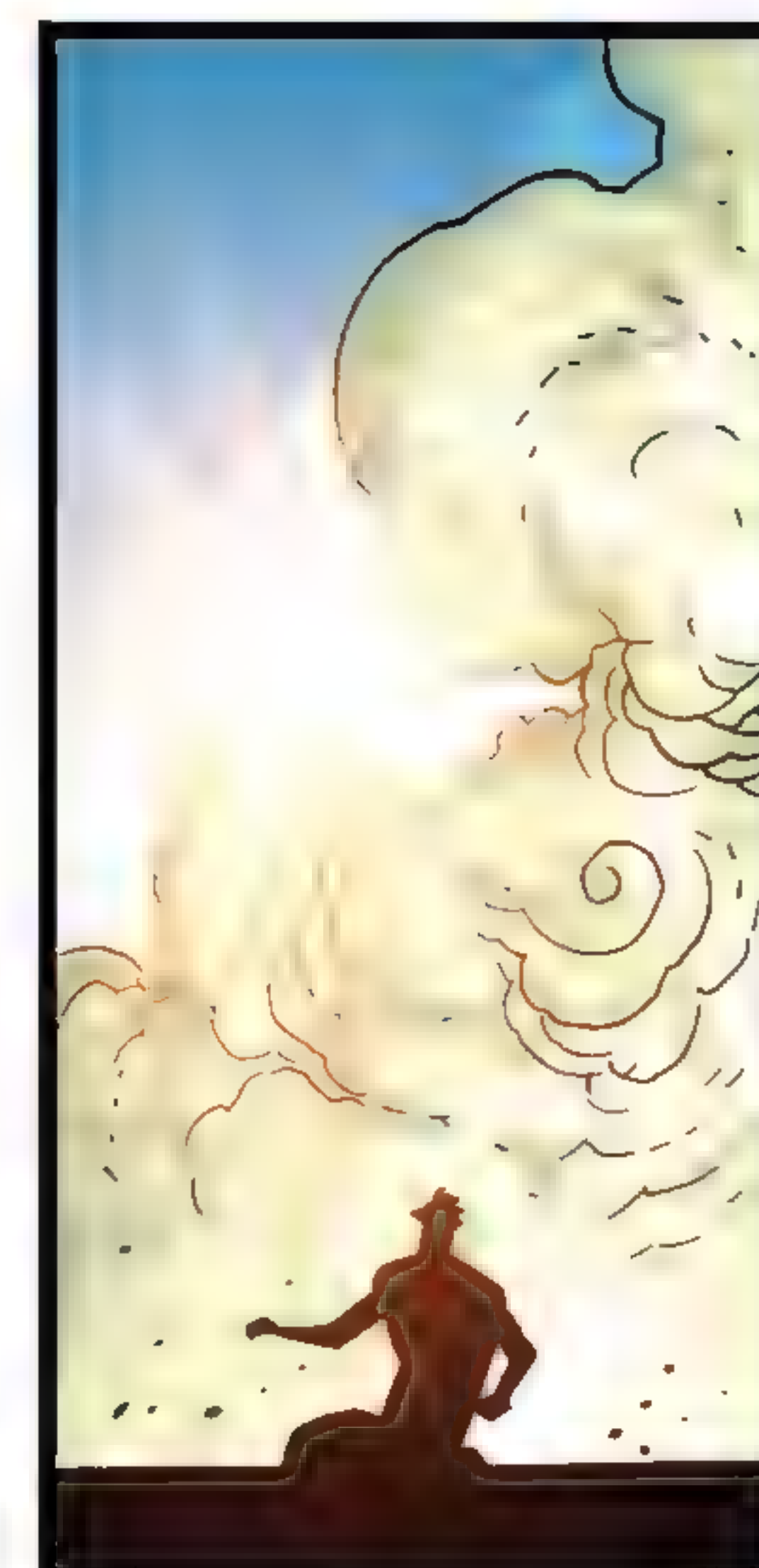
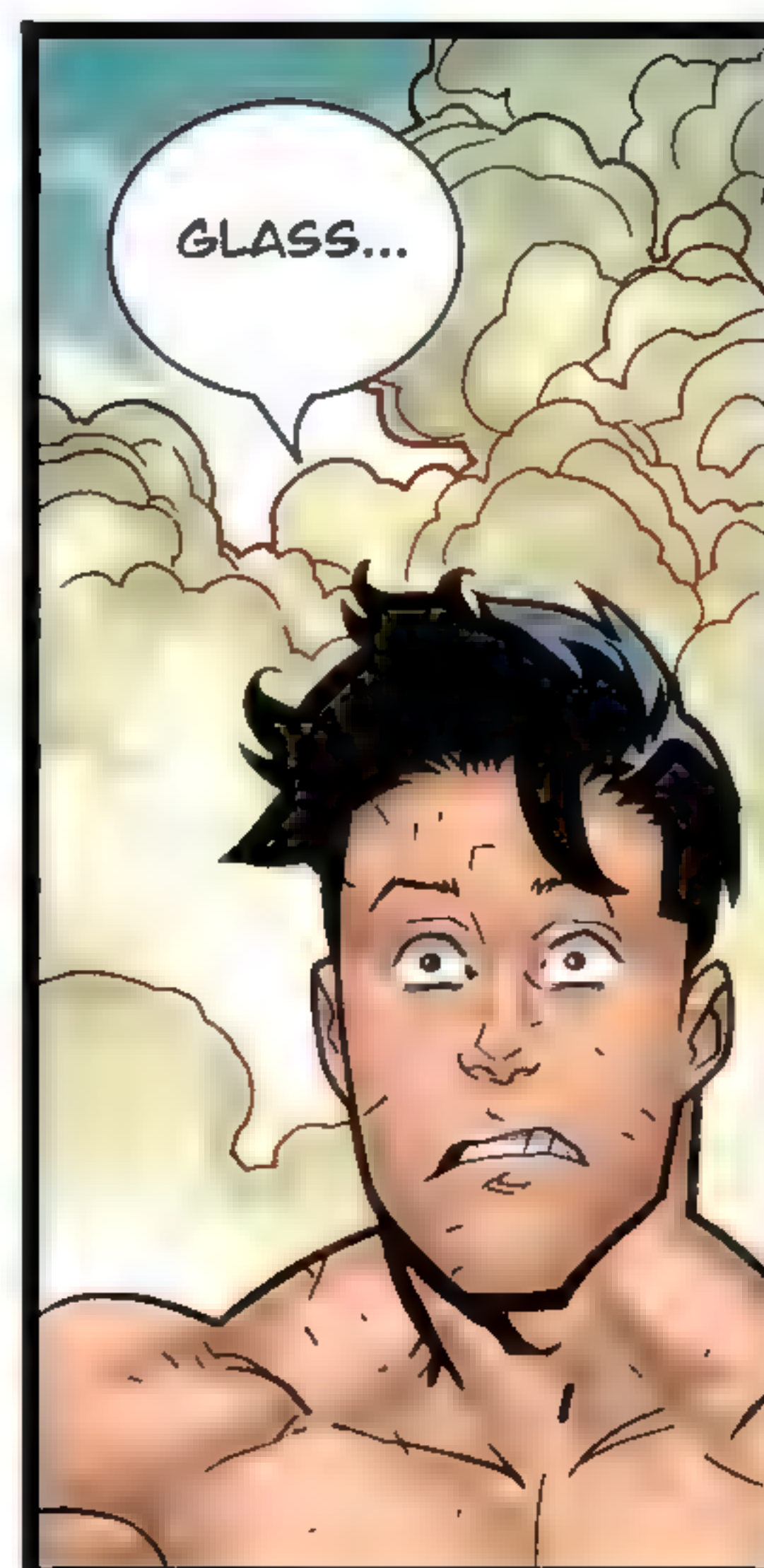
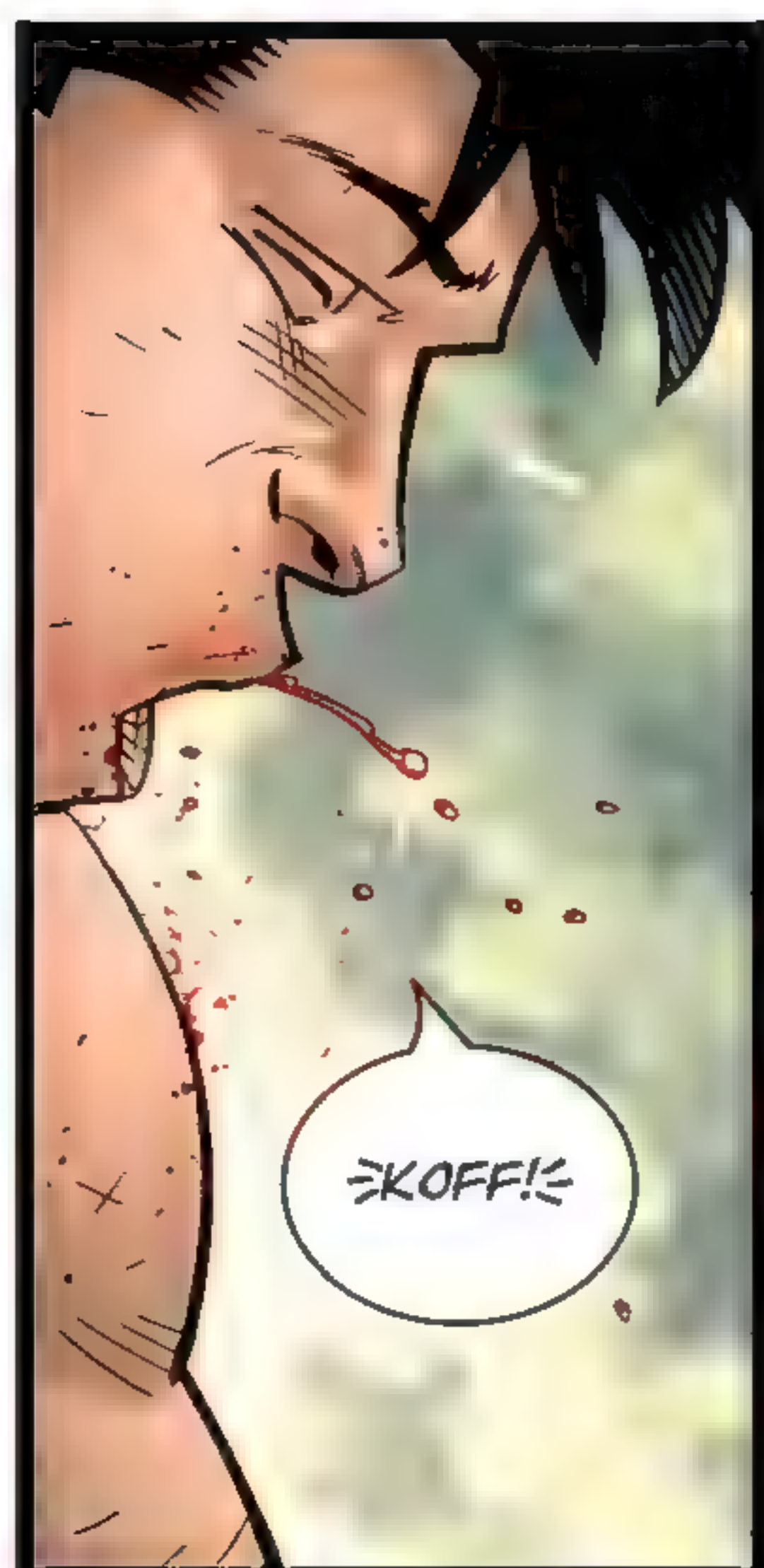
















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# PEN INVINCIBLE PRALS

Howdy y'all!

**It's your friendly neighborhood Sina Grace here, and I am so into everything that happened this issue. Robert's setting some major groundwork, and you better be ready for the next 80 issues of Invincible. Beyond that, I've got nothing interesting to say, so let's read some fan mail, yeah?**

*Wait... I have to write 80 more issues?! I thought I was almost done! (kidding, really, I swear!) and I'll be commenting in italics, as always.*  
-Robert

I've written in numerous times, and I still can't help but tell you guys how much I love this book. For me, it truly is the best comic on the market. I loved the entire war, and its ending was great. It works in a far better way than the escaped kryptonians did in Superman last year (mostly because they just popped up out of nowhere and went away just as quickly) and now leaves so many possibilities open for later stories... unless of course Allen the Alien drops the scourge virus, but I hope he doesn't. I really hope we see a few Viltrumites pop up every once in awhile, whether going rogue, or becoming heroes themselves or maybe even developing their emotions more and realizing that Mark and Nolan are right... ah, the possibilities are endless... or as endless as 37 Viltrumites can be.

The drama going on with all the other characters is also so nice to see. Nolan and Debbie interactions were fantastic, William and Rick Sheridan (I miss Sleepwalker) are great, especially since it seems like they are together. Allen the Alien, Tech Jacket, Battle Beast, Space Racer, Cecil, the Re-AnInvincibles and so many more. I love all these characters so much, and hope this book continues on for as long as humanly possible because I just can't get enough.

**I know how you feel! I want more of DA Sinclair! So does JJ Didde, so Robert better make it so!**

*He'll be in the book periodically. I have big plans for that guy.*

As for Eve, I can't wait to see what the baby is named!!! I know she had a kid... she just had to.

**I wouldn't be so sure...**

To neglect the art would be silly as well, because once again Ottley knocks it out of the park by showing that not only can he draw a crazy space scene with bodies torn apart, but he can draw the everyday situations we all are familiar with. Brilliant. I almost just won a few pages from issue 44 from him, but I lost. Maybe next time.

This book is still the one I recommend to everyone, and even my wife is about to read it. She likes Spider-man and a few other characters, but isn't an avid comic reader, so that's great.

Also, every year or so, I've gone back to the beginning and started reading Invincible, however I hadn't done that since about issue 50. I just finished issue 67 today, and by the end of the week will have reread all 78 issues for at least a second time. Thank you both as well as Cory Walker, FCO, Bill Crabtree and everyone else who's edited, inked, lettered or done anything else to make this book as amazing as it is.

**I told everyone what nice things you said, you get high fives from everyone. Cory gave you a high ten.**

So glad I spent a 45 minute break in my 12 hour day running to Lobo Anime and Comics to get Invincible 78, and then taking the time to really read and enjoy it. Can't wait to sit down and read it again on Friday.

Thank you,

Kyle Neice

p.s. the letter I wrote for Guarding the Globe 2 was read aloud at my comic talk session with my friends, and it was hilarious the way my friend read it and your response. and even though Super Dinosaur is a kids book, I am SO on board with it. the preview I read looked fantastic.

**Super Dinosaur is a totally fantastic book! I hope you grabbed issue two, and have your order in for issue three already! If anything can compete with Invincible as your favorite, it may just be another Kirkman book!**

*Super Dinosaur is the best! I think you'd all enjoy it. There's no gore or y'know... sex, but otherwise it's the same kind of book as Invincible, but instead of a superhero... it's a T-Rex with robot arms. That's cool, right? Try it!*

So, I've been meaning to write some Invincible fan mail for... well, a couple of years now. Sorry for the delay. There's just really not much to say about the book that countless others haven't already written.

Kirkman, you write very compelling characters with an engaging and typically unpredictable plot. It kicks ass. And Ottley gets more than enough of my ass-kissing both on DeviantArt and Facebook. Homeboy is amazing.

**Word.**

So what was it that I wrote you guys for? Not much, really. I just wanted to mention that I didn't realize William was gay when I read issue 78 until I got to the letters column in the back. Sure, he says a very casual "love you" to Rick, but... I mean. Bros do that, right? S'not gay.

**Bros don't kiss and live with their bros, and watch Lindsay Lohan movies while eating Chinese take out, and then tweet their bros stupid things like "@bbRick is the dorbsest!"**

**Trust me, these two are gays.**

*Whatever Sina says...*

Oh, and I may as well take the time to mention what an amazing villain Conquest was. He was truly frightening and intimidating. Totally tits.

Anyway, I guess that's it. Robert, Sina... good day! (Love you! <3)

Seriously not gay,  
-Preston S Davis

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*I really like how now that William is out, we're getting more letters from gay people. Pretty awesome.*

Hi,

Just wanted to write in and say that I really enjoy Invincible. I have the entire run in my Comixology app (along with Walking Dead and The Astounding Wolfman). One thing I've noticed though... Is there any particular reason the Tech Jacket backup features aren't included in the digital releases?

That aside, the book is amazing! Keep up the awesome work!

Best,  
Jeremy

**Unless Robert chimes in and/ or deletes what I write, the answer is this: We've got plans for the Tech Jacket back-up, and furthermore, it creates an incentive to buy the floppies.**



Maybe now that we have them all done we will release them as a one-shot on-line (just to keep you satisfied), but that is up to Robert.

*The idea was to release it as one big book online. Stay tuned...*

Invincipenises,

Hey, guys. Still loving and digging your work. Read on iFanboy that Ryan is burning his original art he’s deemed unworthy. Bitches be crazy.

Sophea Uk  
Salem, OR

omg Invincipenises as a phrase be crazy! I may use that.

Also: Ryan only did that so mine and Robert’s original art collection could be more valuable.

*I can confirm that Ryan is, in fact, completely crazy. He has my FedEx account number, if he never wanted to look at that art again, he could have sent it to me and I never would have shown ANYBODY!*

Dear Kirkman,

The cover was really something! Apparently Viltrum is not only gone--it’s gone with the wind! Atom Eve is really packing on the pounds, or is she just pregnant? Nice little slice of life issue, yet--you still put “The Viltrumite War” on the top of the cover! The war is over...but we didn’t Win. Or did we?! Is it even really Over...? Color me confused!! All in all I don’t know that this issue was really worth it; didn’t feel complete to me. There, how’s that for negative?

The Sincere Man,

Andrew J. Shaw

Andrew’s back! I would have preferred you call her “Fatom Eve,” but pointing out the fact that she’s been eating a few extra slices of life was catty enough.

*Yeah, issue 78 was pretty much a Viltrumite War Epilogue, that's why it carried that banner.*

Hello Mr. Kirkman.

This is Shakib from Bangladesh. Do you realize how hard it is for me to get your books from Bangladesh? Do you even know where it is? Well, it doesn’t matter. What matters is that i got my hands on some of the trade paperbacks and am up to issue 40 and you have done a fantastic job. Your run is up there with the Miller and Bendis runs on Daredevil, the Peter David run on Hulk, Geoff Johns and Green Lantern, the Robinson Starman, the Alan Moore run on Swamp Thing, the Giffen and Demattis JLI, Garth Ennis and The Boys, etc etc. Phenomenal. You and your team are doing an awesome job and i am glad i got to read your book.

Just wanted to share my appreciation.

cheers,  
Shakib

Thanks for finding the book! I personally think Robert is better than about 74% of the writers above (what, I’m not gonna stroke his ego and say the whole list!).

Also: if you’re having trouble finding the book, why don’t you just download them through comixology? That’s what all the cool kids are doing.

*Sina, careful with the compliments. And personally, I'd rather read any book by the people listed above than my own, so there.*

Dear Invincible Crew,

Wow!!!! I just finished reading issue 78 and what a great way in reacquainting the characters. You guys rock! Robert, I love your writing style man; the readership in this title is fun and easy to follow! Hey Ryan, Cliff and FCO....you guys are killing this title each and every month. You guys really come with it at the tender price of \$2.99!!!!

Keepin' things fine at \$2.99!!

On a side note, Mr. Kirkman....I’m going to be honest with you. I dropped Guarding The Globe after issue 2 because I got a little impatient with the scheduling of the book. Again forgive me...sniff sniff but is there a reason why I should recommit to the title?

Well, it’s a gem that’s always a great read when it comes out. We’re working hard to get the last two issues out a bit quicker. The only thing I can say is that we’ve learned how to prepare the next Guardian mini-series, and that there are too many great stories coming up.

*Guarding the Globe, I'll admit, has had a horrid schedule, and we're taking steps to correcting that. Once this initial mini-series is over, we'll have things all worked out for mini-series 2. As for the story, it's another piece of the Invincible puzzle. It tells you what happened on Earth while Mark was away fighting the Viltrumite War and there are story bits that will be touched on in this series. If you really love this series, at the very least, check out trade paperback collection when it's released.*

My other question to you all is when are you guys going to accept fan art?

Keep submitting? We’ve been tight on space these past few issues because of the Tech Jacket stuff...

Thank you all for a great book (I mean that) and thanks for making comics fun again!!!!

-Tu-Kwon

P.S. I love the conclusion to issue 78....oh no, what is Allen going to do????!?!?!?

I don’t know!!!! Robert won’t tell me!!!! I’ll ask Ryan, see if he knows...

*Oh, Allen is going to... see issues 85 and 86 for details.*

That’s all the space we have for right now. Please check back in about a month to see what the eff happened to Vegas. I have friends there, Robert, so I hope you found a way to keep them alive.

And please tune in to our social media to find out all sorts of plans we have for San Diego Comic-Con! @skyboundent on twitter and we have a facebook page too. You should “Like” us.

Now, let’s see what’s going on with Tech Jacket!

Best (Coast),  
Sina

*I'm on twitter, too... @robertkirkman. I usually just talk about Transformers movies, toys from the '80s, Mario Galaxy 1 and 2 and when my books are shipping into stores. Oh, and every now and then I'll post something from The Walking Dead show to aggravate Gale Anne Hurd.*

-Robert Kirkman



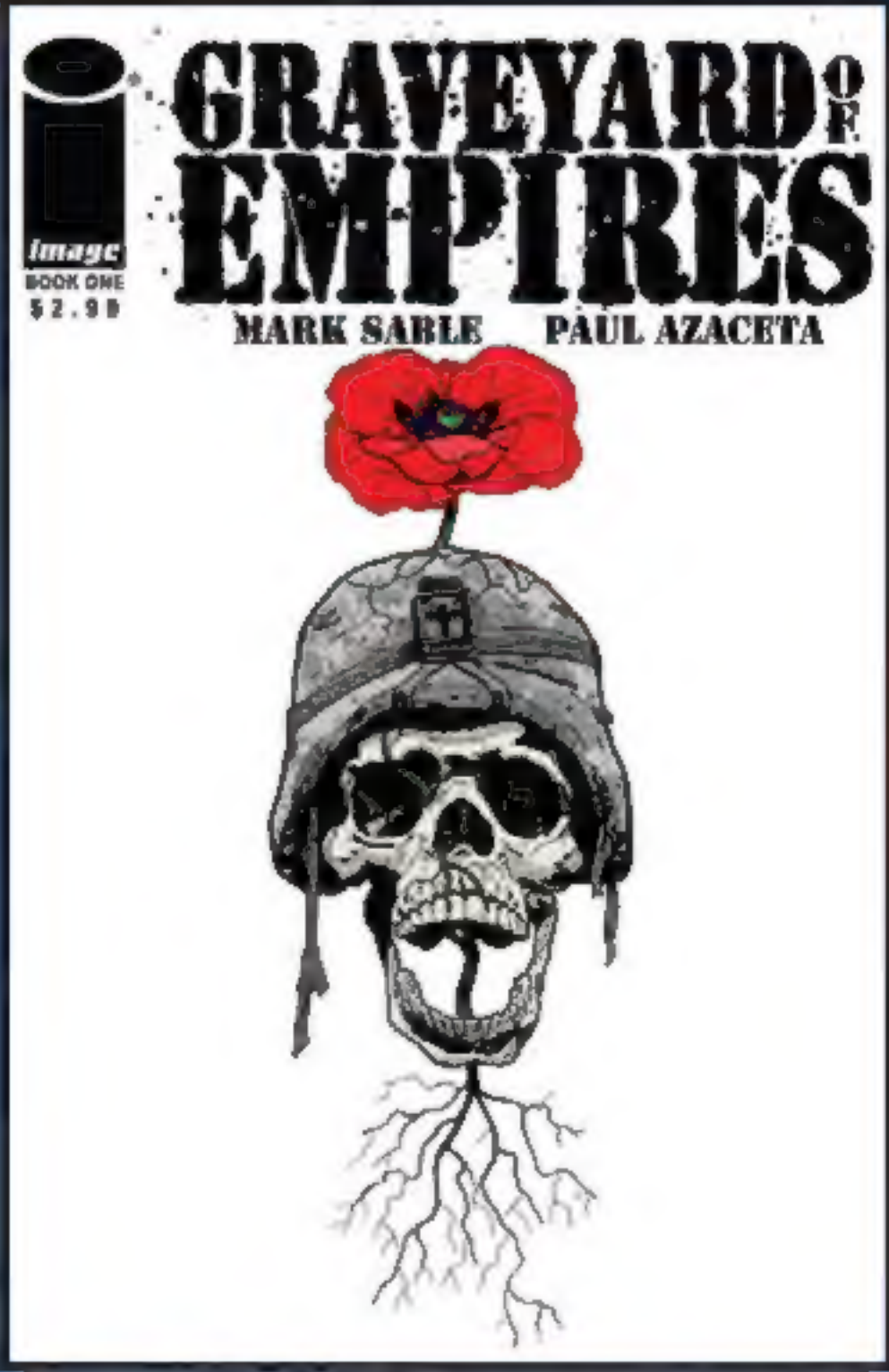
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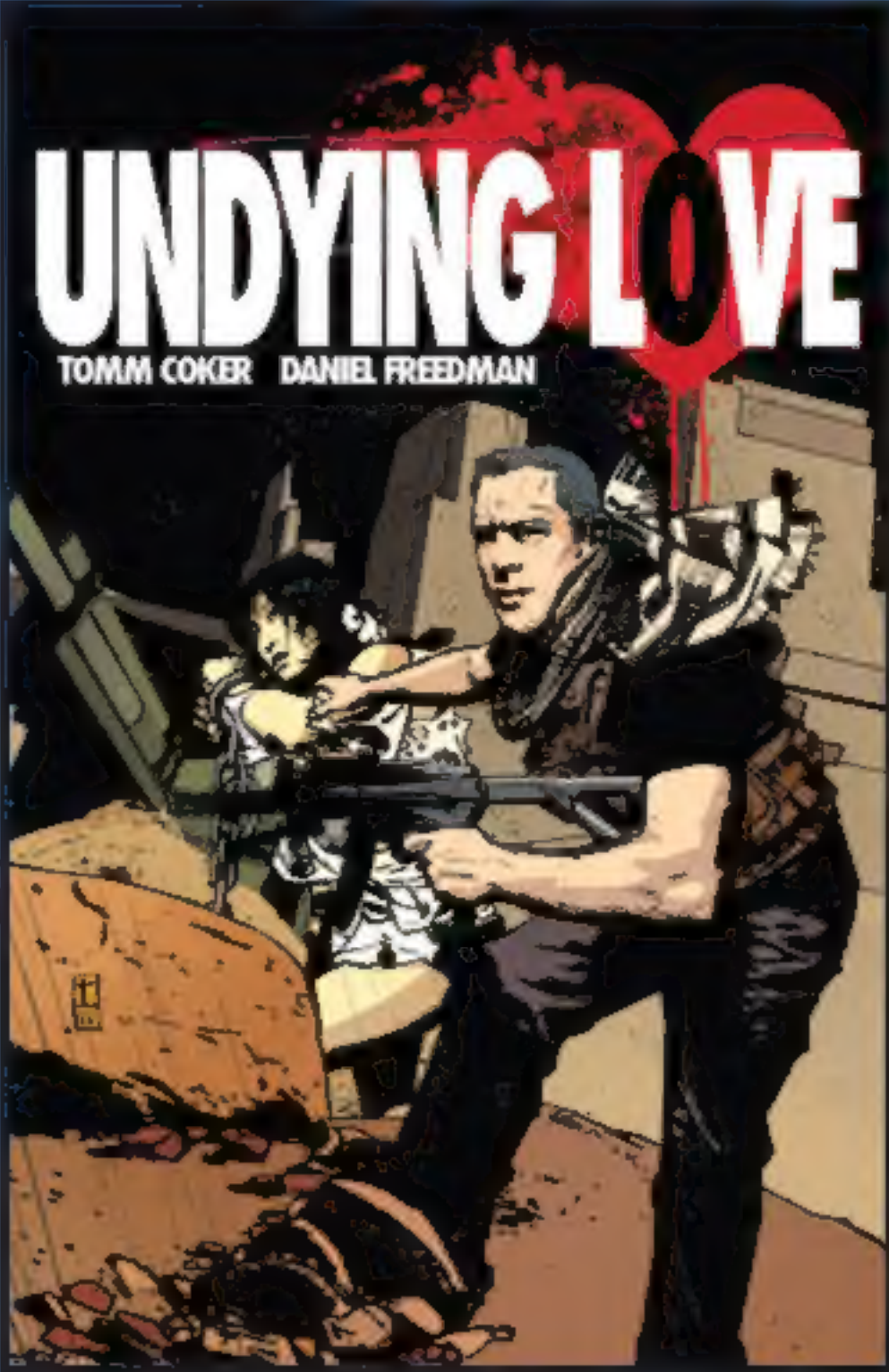
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